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PROBLEM OF WORLD'S WHEAT SUPPLY ADEQUATE REWARD FOR FARMERS AUSTRALIA SUGGESTS INTERNATIONAL MARKETING ORGANISATION. CHEAP LOAF WANTED

Rugby, Yesterday.

Many problems connected with the world's wheat supplies are being discussed by the International-Wheat Producers' Conference, which opened at Canada House, London, to-day.

Forty delegates from 11 countries were present under the presidency of the Canadian High Commissioner in London, the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson.

In his introductory speech he said that the main problem was to assure an adequate reward for the labour of wheat producers without making bread dear. The deliberations should, therefore, be directed to devising an improvement in the methods of bringing the producer and consumer together on more equitable terms.

Many delegates have brought proposals. Australia, for instance, suggests the establishment of an International Wheat Marketing Organisation.—British Wireless Service.

EXPORTS ALMOST DOUBLE

Ottawa.

Canadian wheat is moving at a brisk rate, and January shipments this year amounted to 9,608,852 bushels as compared to 4,994,954 bushels for the same month of 1930. For the first six months of the crop year, which ended January 31, the total wheat exports amounted to 138,297,729 bushels, which compares with 81,687,670 bushels for the same period a year ago, or an increase of 56,610,059 bushels. While shipments were higher, their dollar value was down, amounting to \$105,436,357 as compared to \$109,276,817 for the comparative period of the previous crop year.

The United Kingdom continued to be Canada's best customer and, in the first half of the present crop year, took 87,524,839 bushels, having a value of \$65,583,037, as compared to 61,276,243 bushels valued at \$32,889,975 for the same period a year ago.

Shipments to other countries, exclusive of the United States, according to the Dominion Bureau

of Statistics—increased greatly in the first half of the crop year, amounting to 43,082,905 bushels as compared to 15,762,034 bushels for the same period the year before. The dollar value of these shipments jumped from \$21,204,581 to \$34,598,859 this year. Exports to the United States were small but larger than a year ago amounting for the six months to 7,689,935 bushels valued at \$6,274,461 against 4,649,393 bushels worth \$5,182,261 in the comparative period of the last crop year.

Exports of wheat flour were down in January, 1931, as compared to the same month in 1930, but higher for the first six months of the crop year. January shipments this year amounted to 392,256 barrels valued at \$1,568,509 as compared to 502,888 barrels valued at \$3,069,166 in 1930. Canada's total exports of wheat flour, for the first half of the crop year, amounted to 3,961,694 barrels valued at \$17,714,234 as compared to 3,335,571 barrels valued at \$20,712,351 a year ago.

SPAIN NOW NORMAL ABOLITION OF MARTIAL LAW. ELECTIONS SOON STOCK EXCHANGES REOPENED.

Madrid, Yesterday.

The whole of Spain has now settled down to more or less normal conditions and the state of martial law, which was proclaimed on May 11 following the riots in Madrid, due to the liberation of the ex-Premier, General Berenguer, has been abolished.

The financial position, also, is reported to be much easier, following the re-opening to-day of the Stock Exchanges in Madrid, Barcelona, and Bilbao.

The abolition of ex-King Alfonso was signalled by a serious flight of capital from the country, the Banks being overwhelmed with applications for the transfer of stocks and shares and mortgages property. Several bankruptcies had been reported from Barcelona, where the drop in exchange greatly worried business men, and enterprise was almost at a standstill.

Confidence Restored.

Confidence has now been restored by the opening of the Stock Exchanges, however, with strict rules for stopping speculation.

The stabilisation question cannot be dealt with until a Parliament has been convened, and the Government, therefore, wants to hurry on the General Elections before the possibility of an unfavourable political reaction.

The Cabinet has decided that the General Elections shall be held on June 28, and the elections to the Constituent Assembly probably on June 21 or 25. The voting age has been reduced from 25 to 23.

Earlier Cable.

Madrid, Yesterday.

Bomb throwers have been busy in several districts of Lisbon, eleven persons being injured, on the occasion of demonstrations in support of the dictatorship.

The most serious outrage caused panic among a huge crowd attending an open air meeting in the centre of Lisbon.—Reuter.

MOTERING OFFENCES CHINESE LORRY DRIVER FINED FOR NEGLIGENCE.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

Summoned for negligent driving, the Chinese driver of a lorry pleaded guilty before Mr. W. Schofield in the Central Police this morning.

It was stated by Traffic-Sergeant Brown that the defendant drove along Pokfulam Road toward Pokfulam at a speed of 28 miles an hour. There were several coolies sitting on top of a load at the back of the lorry and the defendant never decreased his speed on rounding the bends, some of which were very bad. The proper speed should have been 20 miles per hour.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$30, after he had learned from Inspector Alexander that defendant was fined \$15 in 1929 for speeding.

Other Fines.

The Chinese drivers of a number of public motor cars were each fined \$5 on pleading guilty to summonses which accused them of having carried passengers in excess of the number specified in their licences.

Several Chinese were fined \$5 each for leaving their cars unattended in roads.

For failing to sound his horn, the Chinese driver of a lorry was fined \$5. Inspector Nicoll said that the defendant drove out of an unnamed street into Shaokwai Road without sounding his horn. The incident occurred near the Whitfield Market, just west of Bay View Police Station.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE. Shareholders Benefit by Low Exchange. INTERESTING REVIEW.

The 50th ordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., was held in the Board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at noon to-day.

The meeting was presided over by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson, supporting whom were Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, T. E. Pearce, A. H. Basto (members of Consulting Committee), and Mr. F. C. Hall (Secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. P. S. Cassidy, J. H. Seth, K. Stuart-Smith, D. V. Stevenson, N. V. A. Croucher, Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cheung-shui, T. N. Chau, Ho Leung, and M. H. Lo.

Chairman's Speech.

In presenting the report and accounts the Chairman said:—

I would preface the few remarks that I am about to make by stating that I have found it difficult to formulate any true comparison of present day figures with those of the past. With a company such as ours, holding considerable

MORE RAIN.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anticyclone is central; near Shanghai and the depression over Tongking. Forecast:—E. winds, fresh; generally overcast; some rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.12 inch. Total since January 1—16.47 inches against an average of 17.80 inches—deficit 1.33 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	78
Macao	77
Pratas Island	81
Poochoo	67
Manila	79
Chefoo	60
Shanghai	56

sums both in gold and silver, the position necessarily must vary from time to time but never to such an extent as to-day when we see the sterling value of the Hong Kong dollar brought into our accounts at 1/1 1/2, the opening rate of the day on December 31 last.

As the result of "low" exchange the total of dollars as shown in our Balance Sheet has reached the sum of \$18,328,956.93, an increase of close on \$6,000,000 as compared with the previous year; eleven years ago the reverse position arose owing to "high" exchange and the sterling showing reached the unprecedented figure of £1,709,046.50.

Gold-Edged Securities.

Before leaving this question of exchange, it will probably interest shareholders to know that the sterling figure of £1,002,366.19.3 as shown in the Balance Sheet now before you, over four-fifths is actually in gold, mainly in the form of gilt-edged securities.

Viewing the position from a strictly silver standpoint, it is with considerable pleasure that your General Agents and Consulting Committee are able to present to you such a satisfactory account as that for the year 1929, the balance of which, viz., \$1,398,036.95, compares most favourably with any of its predecessors. "Not only does such balance allow of our recommending an increase in the dividend but also of an Exchange Bonus of \$10 per share and substantial appropriations to fixed Reserves, both gold and silver."

The premium for the year now under review is nearly \$750,000 in excess of that for the year 1928; the figure of loss stands at 63.51 per cent. as against 71.96 per cent. the expense ratio at 24.07 per cent. as compared with 20.80 per cent. and the balance of Underwriting at 22.42 per cent. as against 7.24 per cent.

You will notice that the figure

ABSURD LIBEL ON PRINCE OF WALES. Accused of Dabbling in Bogus Shares. "ABSOLUTE NONSENSE."

London, Yesterday.

The London News Chronicle publishes a denial from Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, R.N., of statements made in the United States that the Prince of Wales was among a number of Britons heavily victimised by sharepushers.

The story went that His Royal Highness was induced to invest in bogus oil shares while in Monte Carlo, two years ago, and that he was also defrauded in the Chemin de fer Bank, Le-Touquet.

Sir Lionel Halsey describes the story as absolute nonsense and says that the Prince of Wales has not been to Monte Carlo. He certainly was not there two years ago.—Reuter.

Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, R.N., K.C.M.G., has been Comptroller and Treasurer to the Prince of Wales since 1920, and accompanied His Royal Highness as Chief of Staff during his Canadian tour in 1919 and his Australian and New Zealand tour in 1920. Admiral Sir Lionel Halsey, who was placed on the retired list in 1922, served in the famous Naval engagements at Dogger Bank and Jutland during the War, and commanded the Royal Australian Navy from 1918-20.]

PROTECTION CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain has announced that the Conservative Party intends to undertake, in both the agricultural and the industrial districts of England a vast campaign of propaganda in favour of protection. It will set forth a new political principle seeking to modify completely the imports system by a protection tariff.

Several bank circulars state that the official forecasts of a resumption of business have not yet been realised. There has been no change of importance in the world economic situation. None the less they do register an encouraging note. The International federation has made a profound study of conditions in the principal industrial countries, and it declares that the crisis in the labour market has attained its culminating point. There now exist serious grounds for expecting a slow but gradual resumption of activity.

of interest has risen from \$611.726.89 to \$766,746.70.

Marine Insurance.

I have little to say with regard to "Marine" Insurance generally; its fortunes are so closely interwoven with those of industry and commerce as a whole that they necessarily must stand or fall together, and who can say which it is to be in these days of slump and world-wide depression. We have struck a good patch over the last two years and, though we are doing everything possible to ensure a continuance of such satisfactory results, it must not be gathered therefrom that "Marine" insurance is in any better shape than the several factors to which it looks for its very existence—of these, in particular, I would mention shipping.

Working Account for 1930.

Turning to the Working Account for the year 1930, after twelve months, we find a balance carried forward of \$2,541,244.06 which sum is over six lakhs and a quarter better than that for the year 1929, at the same stage. It is early yet to say much with regard to the ultimate outcome of this account but, judging by the way things are going, we are of opinion that it should be more than comparable with that for 1929.

An analysis of the Balance Sheet shows that while the total of our assets as expressed in sterling has fallen by some £15,000, as compared with that for the previous years, in Hong Kong dollars it shows an increase of over \$5,000,000; these fluctuations, as already stated in the earlier part of my speech, are due entirely to exchange. The Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account shows the very marked increase of over \$1,000,000, this resulting from the appreciation of both our gold and silver investments.

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WAS THERE LEGAL MISCONDUCT? Unusual Motion Against An Umpire. FINDING IN DISPUTE.

In the Supreme Court this morning the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) heard a motion for the setting aside of an award made by Mr. A. L. Shields as Umpire in arbitration, against whom Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., alleged legal misconduct in that Mr. Shields had exceeded his jurisdiction and had decided a point which was never in dispute.

Mr. Eldon Potter, together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) made the motion on behalf of the Hang Shun Co., coal merchants, whilst the other party was S. Latif Husain, merchants, of Wyndham Street, represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacons).

Provision for Arbitration.

A contract was made between the parties on May 4, 1929, for a supply of low volatile coal to be made by Husain to Hang Shun. Certain terms of the contract were varied by letters which passed between the parties on June 1 and 7, 1929. A clause in the contract also made provision for arbitration in the case of any dispute.

A dispute did arise, Hang Shun claiming damages for alleged breach of contract, and the matter was submitted to arbitration, by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mr. S. T. Williamson. The arbitrators failed to agree and as per the arbitration clause in the contract, the matter was submitted to Mr. A. L. Shields as Umpire.

"Beyond Comprehension." Mr. Shields duly made his award, and it was this award that was being attacked on the allegations as stated above. It was contended by Mr. Potter that in finding that the only contract in existence at any time between the parties was that of May 4, 1929, for a supply of low volatile coal, Mr. Shields had found something which was beyond comprehension, as it was not a matter before the Umpire, was not in dispute, and, therefore, was entirely outside Mr. Shields's jurisdiction. That finding went to the very root of the matter, and he submitted that the award must be set aside.

In his argument in support of this submission, Mr. Potter claimed that an Umpire had no greater powers than an Arbitrator; and he also argued at length on the question of jurisdiction, quoting authorities which he submitted made it clear that His Lordship was entitled to ascertain for himself from the evidence what the matters in dispute were. Having ascertained that, if the Umpire had decided a matter which was not in dispute and which was not separable from the case, as in this instance, then the Umpire had exceeded his jurisdiction and was guilty of legal misconduct and his award must be set aside.

A Legal Point.

Counsel said that both parties were proceeding on the existence of the amended contract but, for some reason, Mr. Shields had found that there was no such contract, and, in finding this, Counsel said Mr. Shields must have been guided by something outside the four corners of the evidence before him, and must have proceeded on some view of his own, and this the law did not permit him to do.

The case is proceeding.

STREET ATTACK. OPIUM DIVAN KEEPER IN GRAVE CONDITION.

In connection with the Parkes Street affair, in which a Chinese opium divan keeper named Wu Wai was sent to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from wounds in the forehead and neck, the doctor has now certified that the injured were caused by a blunt instrument. It was at first a mystery as to how the wounds had been inflicted, it being thought that the wound on the forehead was either a bullet wound or a stab wound.

It is further stated that the condition of the victim is "not very good."

EXPLORER FOUND LYING ON JUNGLE TRACK. GUNSHOT WOUNDS VICTIM OF TRIBAL ATTACK?

Rangoon, Yesterday.

The body of Lieut.-Colonel H. T. Morshead, D.S.O., the famous British explorer, was found on the side of a jungle track four miles from Maymyo to-day, in a terribly mutilated condition. There were severe gunshot wounds in the chest and left shoulder. It is believed that Colonel Morshead was the victim of a tribal attack.

The First News.

The first news of the explorer's fate reached Rangoon on Sunday, when a message from Maymyo stated that his pony had returned to the village riderless. A search party was immediately organised and the body of Lt.-Col. Morshead found only a few miles away.

Lt.-Col. Morshead was a member of the expeditionary party which in 1921 camped 25,000 feet up on Mount Everest, in the Himalayas.—Reuter.

[Lieut.-Colonel Henry Treise Morshead, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, was born in 1882. Educated at Winchester and the R.M. Academy, Woolwich, he was for some time employed on the Survey of India. He served in France, 1915-1919, where he gained his D.S.O. in 1917, being wounded and mentioned in despatches. Later he was with the Waziristan Field Force before joining the Mount Everest expedition of 1921 and 1922. Colonel Morshead attained his present rank in 1928. He was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.]

BRUTAL ASSAULT ON AN OLD WOMAN.

Alleged to Have Been Kicked by Soldiers.

SUSPECT IN CUSTODY.

Following an alleged assault on a Chinese woman in Nathan Road, at the rear of the Portland Theatre, a private of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders is now in military custody at Shamshulpo Barracks, pending enquiries.

The victim, Wong So-lin, a widow, in her report to the Police at Monkok, said that at about 8 o'clock last night she left her house at 172 Shanghai Street for the purpose of going out to buy cloth. After making the purchase, she proceeded into Portland Street, where she stayed for some time looking at the placards displayed outside.

Slapped Her Face.

She walked along Shantung Street, and came into Nathan Road, where the alleged assault is stated to have occurred. She states that two European soldiers in uniform came up from behind, and one of them suddenly snatched a cloth, which contained \$6 in money, from her hand.

She instantly demanded its return, whereupon it is alleged that the soldier slapped her face, and passed the money to his comrade. On asking a second time for the return of the money, the woman is alleged to have been kicked, causing her to fall to the ground.

One of the soldiers then jumped on a passing bus and proceeded toward the Star Ferry. His comrade also got on a bus which was travelling toward Shamshulpo. This man was caught by the Police, who came on the scene in response to the blowing of Police whistles.

LADY OWEN NOT TO APPEAL.

Five Years' Solitary Confinement.

PARIS TRAGEDY.

Paris, Yesterday.

Lady Owen has withdrawn her appeal against the Court's sentence, which will be automatically carried out.—Reuter.

Rumours of Abduction.

Paris, Feb. 27. Rumours were abroad in Paris to-day that a plot had been hatched to free Lady Owen (widow of Sir Theodore Owen) from the Versailles prison in which she is now confined. Inquiries late this evening, however, indicate that there is no truth in the report.

Lady Owen was sentenced to five years' imprisonment for wounding by revolver shots Mme. Gastaud, the wife of her lover, Dr. Gastaud.

According to the Intransigent, the Police had hints of the existence of such an escape plot, and took these hints so seriously that in the middle of last night an officer was sent out to make a special inspection of the prison and to assure himself that every possible precaution had been taken to frustrate such a plan if any existed.

Suggestion of Pardon.

Another rumour concerning Lady

Owen is that she may possibly be pardoned by the President of the Republic on the occasion of the National Fete on July 14. This rumour, which has aroused much comment, arose on a report that Lady Owen had been visited in her cell by a high official of the Ministry of Justice, but it is asserted this afternoon in well-informed quarters that it is erroneous to interpret the visit in the way indicated.

Lady Owen's counsel, Maître Torres, is not in a position to make any comment on the matter. All he is concerned with at the moment is that an appeal against the sentence has been entered. It is pointed out, however, by officials of the Ministry of Justice, that the question of a pardon could not very well be considered until after the hearing of an appeal, and that it is therefore premature to discuss any such possibility.

The exact meaning of the "reclusion" to which Lady Owen has been condemned is being discussed in the Press and in the city generally, and it is interesting to note the diversity of explanation advanced, ever by French people. Maître Torres himself, speaking in general terms, says to-day that "reclusion" means something "a little more severe than ordinary imprisonment."

The term "solitary confinement" appears to be scarcely justified by the facts. According to the penal code, "reclusion" is a punishment the term of which may vary between five and ten years. It is carried out in prisons known as the "Maisons Centrales," of which there are a dozen or so in France. Exercise and work are done by the prisoners in common, but silence is strictly enforced.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY
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NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1931, at 5.15 p.m.

All members are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held at the Club House on the 27th day of May, 1931, immediately after the half-yearly meeting of the Voting Members when the subjoined resolution will be proposed:

That Article 6 of the Articles of Association of the Club be altered by deleting therefrom the words "Ordinary Members may be unlimited in number" and substituting therefor the words "The number of Ordinary Members shall be one thousand two hundred or such greater number as the Voting Members shall from time to time determine."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that a Further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Voting Members of the Club will be held at the same place on WEDNESDAY, the Seventeenth Day of June, 1931, at a quarter past five o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

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Hong Kong, 14th May, 1931.

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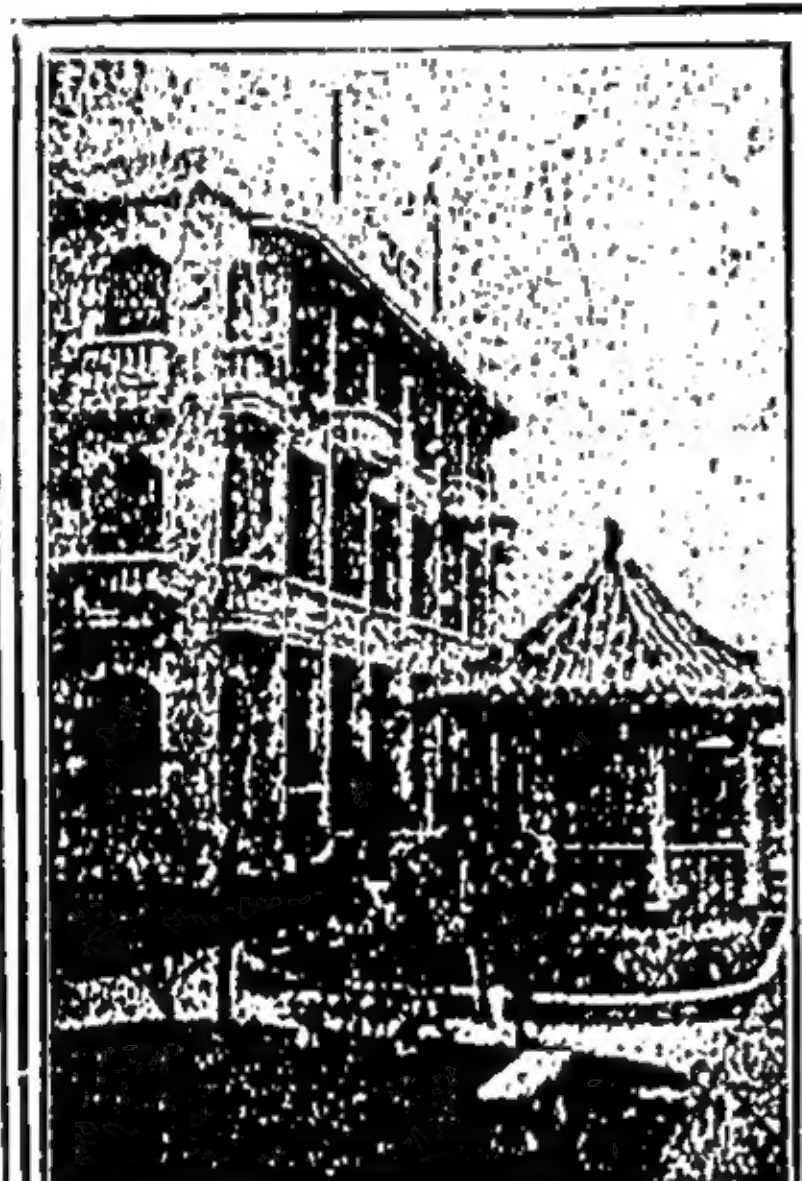
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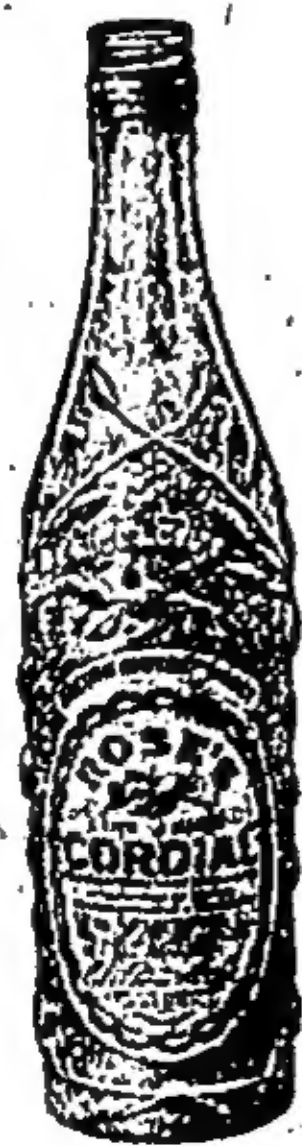
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Four of India's crack native officers, the cream of the Indian Army, have arrived in London. They are the King's Indian Orderly Officers for this year and they will stay until the end of the Court season.

The chosen four are Subadar-Major and Honorary-Lieutenant Fateh Muhammad, 3rd-12th Frontier Force Regt. (Sikhs); Subadar-Major Rahimud Khan, 1st/6th Rajputana Rifles (Wellesley's); Risaldar-Major Malik Mir Khan, 20th Lancers, and Risaldar Pinda Khan, No. 2 Cavalry Brigade Transport Company, Indian Army Service Corps.

They are picked men with distinguished war service records.

"Chief and Hero."

Subadar-Major Fateh Muhammad has 31 years' service to his credit and bears the title Sardar Bahadur ("Chief and Hero"); his decorations include the Indian Order of Merit, and the Order of British India, 1st Class.

Like the other three, he is a Punjabi Muslim. He saw active service on the North-West Frontier in 1901-2-3, was wounded in the Great War, when he served in Egypt and Iraq, and took part in the Waziristan Campaign of 1921-2.

Subadar-Major Rahimud Khan also bears the title Sardar Bahadur, and has the M.B.E., I.D.S.M., and Order of British India, 1st Class. He has 28 years' service. During the war he fought in Iraq, where he was wounded, taken prisoner, and mentioned in despatches.

Risaldar-Major Malik Mir Khan fought in France, Belgium, Iraq, and the Persian Gulf during the war. He was mentioned in despatches and received the I.O.M. and the I.D.S.M. Risaldar Pinda Khan, M.B.E., I.D.S.M., has fought in Tibet 1903-4, in Iraq, 1914-21, and in Afghanistan, North-West Frontier, 1919.

Coveted Appointments. "The appointment as King's Orderly Officer is one coveted by every Indian officer," said an official of the India Office. "On State occasions the Indian Orderly Officers act as a Royal bodyguard and represent the Indian Army."

"They will stay at a house in St. George's Road, Piccadilly, which has been rented for this purpose for many years and is managed by a sergeant-major of the Indian Army and his wife. The officers bring their own servants, and cooks, and they can be properly housed and catered for, no matter what their caste or religion."

"Brevet Lieut.-Colonel G. B. Howell, M.C., of the 19th (King George's Own) Lancers will be in charge of the party during their stay in London."

SPRIGHTLY V. C.
OF 70.

What He Thinks of the
Army of To-day.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.

Colonel Sir Percival Marling, one of the six oldest living holders of the Victoria Cross—he won it 46 years ago—spent his 70th birthday paying a series of calls on old friends in London, before dashing back to his home in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Sir Percival must surely be one of the most active, as well as one of the oldest V.C.s (writes an Evening News correspondent).

I saw him during the only few minutes rest he had one day—at a West End club, between a business interview and a luncheon party.

"I feel splendid," he said, with a broad smile. "A bit out of breath—I've just run along from Piccadilly."

"My friends are keeping me pretty busy to-day, but we shall have a quiet family dinner to-night at home."

The Prince's Spanish.

Only recently Sir Percival returned to Britain after a trip as far as the Panama Canal with the Prince of Wales and his brother. He is an old friend of the Prince.

"I took my wife for the sake of the trip," he told me. "What surprised me was the extraordinary way in which the Prince spoke Spanish. He studied two hours a day on the boat, and by the time we left it he was speaking almost like a native. What enthusiasm he puts into everything!"

Alarmed About India.

The only complaint Sir Percival has about the army of to-day, as compared with the army when he knew it, is that it is not big enough.

"We have grave responsibilities and immense areas throughout the Empire to protect," he said. "We must keep the army up to strength. I spent five years in India amongst other places, and I am alarmed at the turn of events there. What an extraordinary situation."

"Gandhi clad in his loin cloth, going to see the Viceroy, the King's representative, and getting what he wanted, too!"

"I dare not think of the future in India; things seem to have gone too far."

The one thing Sir Percival told me about the deed which gained him the V.C. at the battle of Tamal was that a private who was with him should have won one too.

"Between us, we managed to get a fellow who had been shot back to safety," he said. "That private did every bit as much as I. He got the D.C.M. I have always been sorry he did not get a V.C. too. He is dead now, I believe."

"MOST TERRIBLE
YEARS."

When Mr. Wells Was a
Shop Assistant.

CURSE OF GENTILITY.

Mr. H. G. Wells, describing his early days at a dinner in London of the National Amalgamated Union of Shop Assistants, Warehousemen and Clerks, said that his contact with the counter began before the days of the Union, when that gentility which had been the curse of the shop assistant prevented the development of Trade Unionism.

"We were genteel," he said. "There were two attempts made to make me genteel, and the first broke down through my utter lack of gentility. There was trouble with one of the errand boys and a little matter which gave me a black eye. (Laughter.)"

"The second attempt lasted two years, two years which I still remember as the most terrible in my life. It was the most dismal employment, and I escaped from it in the course of time to find myself earning a precarious livelihood as a writer, and then I tried to write something of my experience as a shop assistant."

"Kippa."

"I tried three times to write about a shop. The first story began with a shop assistant leaving for his holiday and ended when he came back. I could not stand it. The next time I wrote about a person called Kippa, and after a few brief chapters I had to endow him with a fortune to get him out of it. And the third, Mr. Polly, followed in my footsteps and ran away."

In his day, Mr. Wells said, the 48-hour week would have been a dream. One went down to dust at 7 a.m. or 7.30, and got out of the shop at 8.30 or 9 p.m., and was left off one day in the week at 5 o'clock. Referring to the old system of fines, he said that he still owned a certain draper's shop in Southsea about fifteen shillings in fines.

In his day every draper's shop had from four to ten apprentices, on every one of whom from £20 to £50 had been paid by parents who believed they were making little gentlemen of their sons. The employer undertook to teach them the trade. He (Mr. Wells) learned nothing. Gradually a practical education for the distributing trades was coming into existence, and in the future the whole business might become one in which every youngster would have an idea of the part he was playing in society, with the possibility of playing a larger role.

Sir Percival's advice to the young men of to-day if they wished to be "sprightly at 70," is to work hard, keep fit and take an interest in everything.

BRITAIN'S UNREAPED
HARVEST.

£60,000,000 That Goes
Abroad.

NATIONAL NEED.

A holiday advertisement says there are forty miles of sands on the Belgian coast. There are forty times forty miles of lovely sands round the British Isles.

It was estimated that something like £60,000,000, was spent in Europe last year by visitors from the American continent. Britain merely received the crumbs after the holiday makers had sampled the Continental spas and other highly boosted spots.

Why should we adopt this apologetic air about our seaside and watering places, as if they were but pale reflections of foreign resorts? There is nothing pale about the Cornish Riviera, the Lake District, North Wales, the Kyles of Bute, and dozens of other beauty spots.

If sandy foreshore is an attraction, there is an astonishing double coastline at the mouth of the Mersey, beginning at Waterloo and running round the Formby point for some miles to Southport.

If magnificence of esplanade is desired, there are six solid miles of it at Blackpool. This resort is often referred to as "Lancashire with the lid off," but Americans who know Coney Island would find it a "home from home."

Real Bracing Air.

Moreover, it has its quiet retreats—Bispham to the north, South Shore, St. Annes, and Lytham to the south, with miles of sandhills in between. It has the most bracing air of any resort in Britain.

There is no coast like that from Leigh-on-Sea through Westcliff and Southend for health-giving ozone, or so the medical men claim. Why should trans-Atlantic visitors spend so much time on the Continent?

For an island holiday, there is the Isle of Man, about which the greatest travellers agree that few places in the world boast more magnificent scenery.

In miniature, you have the headlands of Devon, the sweeping rocks of the Riviera, the golden sands of a dozen watering places, as well as valleys, glens and mountains, and watercourses in which trout can be seen leaping in the sunshine.

Those who cross the Channel for some Continental spot may obtain a glimpse of a Southern resort, but what can they know of the rugged grandeur of the Gower Coast in South Wales, or of Barry Island not far away?

Take the North Wales coastline, from Prestatyn, through Rhyl, Cwllwyn Bay, Rhos-on-Sea to Llandudno, and there is something for every conceivable holiday taste.

On the east coast there is Scarborough with its two bays, its strange but happy conglomeration of Torquay and Southend, and its magnificent country behind. In a northerly direction are Whitby, Blyth and Berwick, all little known.

Then, again, our national events are not properly advertised. The Derby and the Oaks attract a mere 200,000 instead of 1,000,000, and Ascot attracts only 50,000.

Enterprise Wanted. The turnstile fees at these meetings amount to £80,000 which is paltry for such historic and spectacular events. Imagine what they would do with such opportunities on the Continent!

The tennis championships at Wimbledon draw 250,000, when they ought to draw more than 1,000,000.

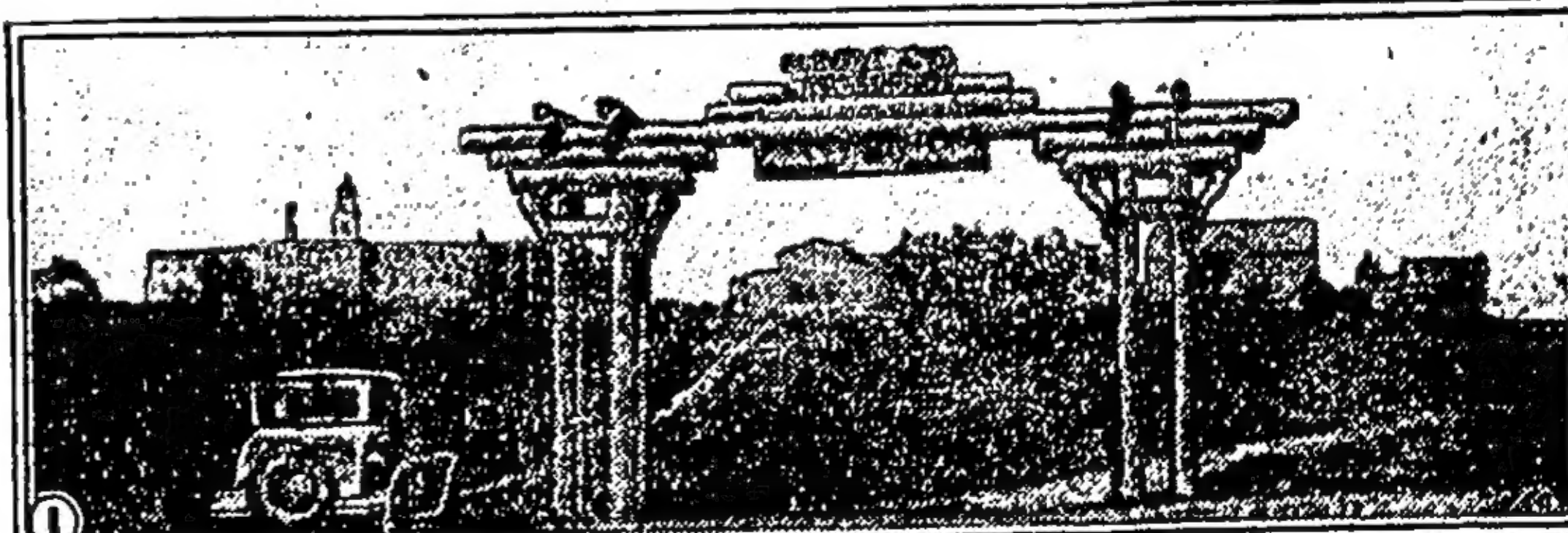
The cricket at Lord's attracts about 300,000 visitors during the season, and some £50,000 is paid at the entrances. This is not half good enough.

Why do we not put this matter on a national business basis?

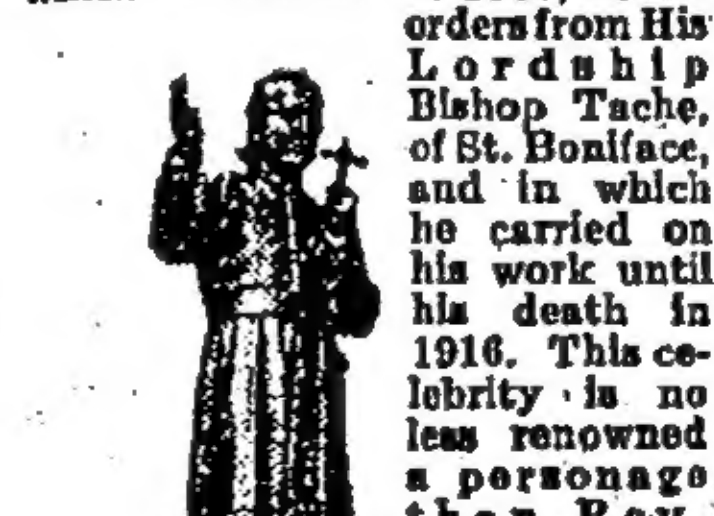
"The rich ones of the earth must holiday somewhere. Why not a national effort to persuade them to come to Britain?"—Daily Express.

"Recent statistics indicate that 409,558 cords, or 265 million feet of wood, was manufactured in our pulp and paper mills during 1930," says the 70th annual report of the New Brunswick Department of Lands and Mines. "Of this amount 163,877 cords, or 82 million feet, were supplied from Crown Lands, the remainder being purchased by the mills from granted lands or other sources. The total amount manufactured in the mills in New Brunswick in 1930 is approximately 100,000 cords, or 30 per cent. greater than the preceding year, when the amount was 814,000 cords. The pulpwood exported from New Brunswick in 1930 amounted to 165,280 cords, making the total amount of pulpwood manufactured in New Brunswick or exported 574,836 cords."

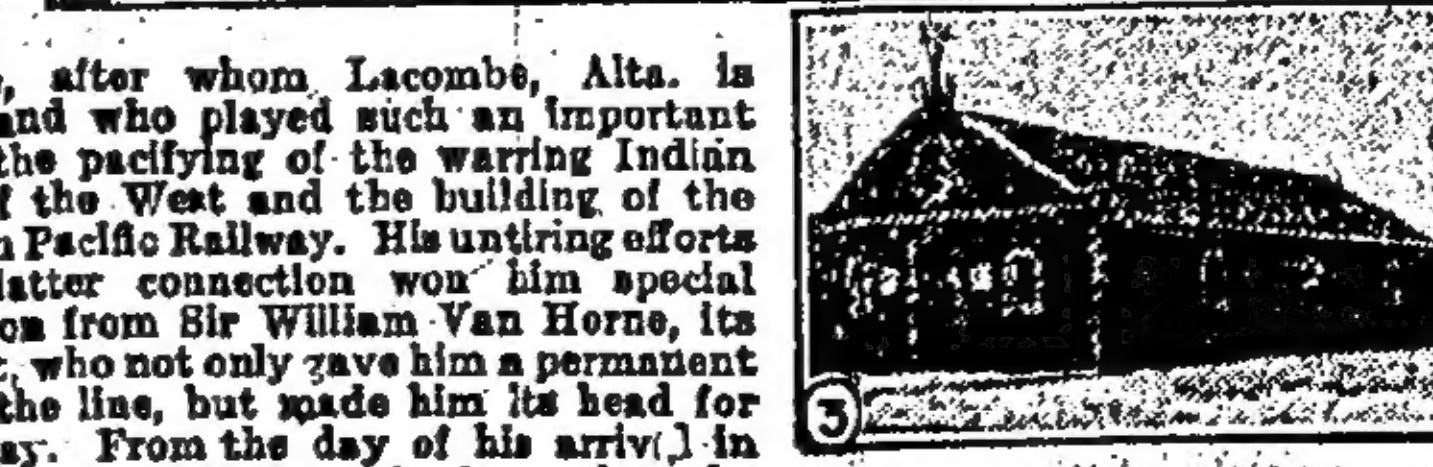
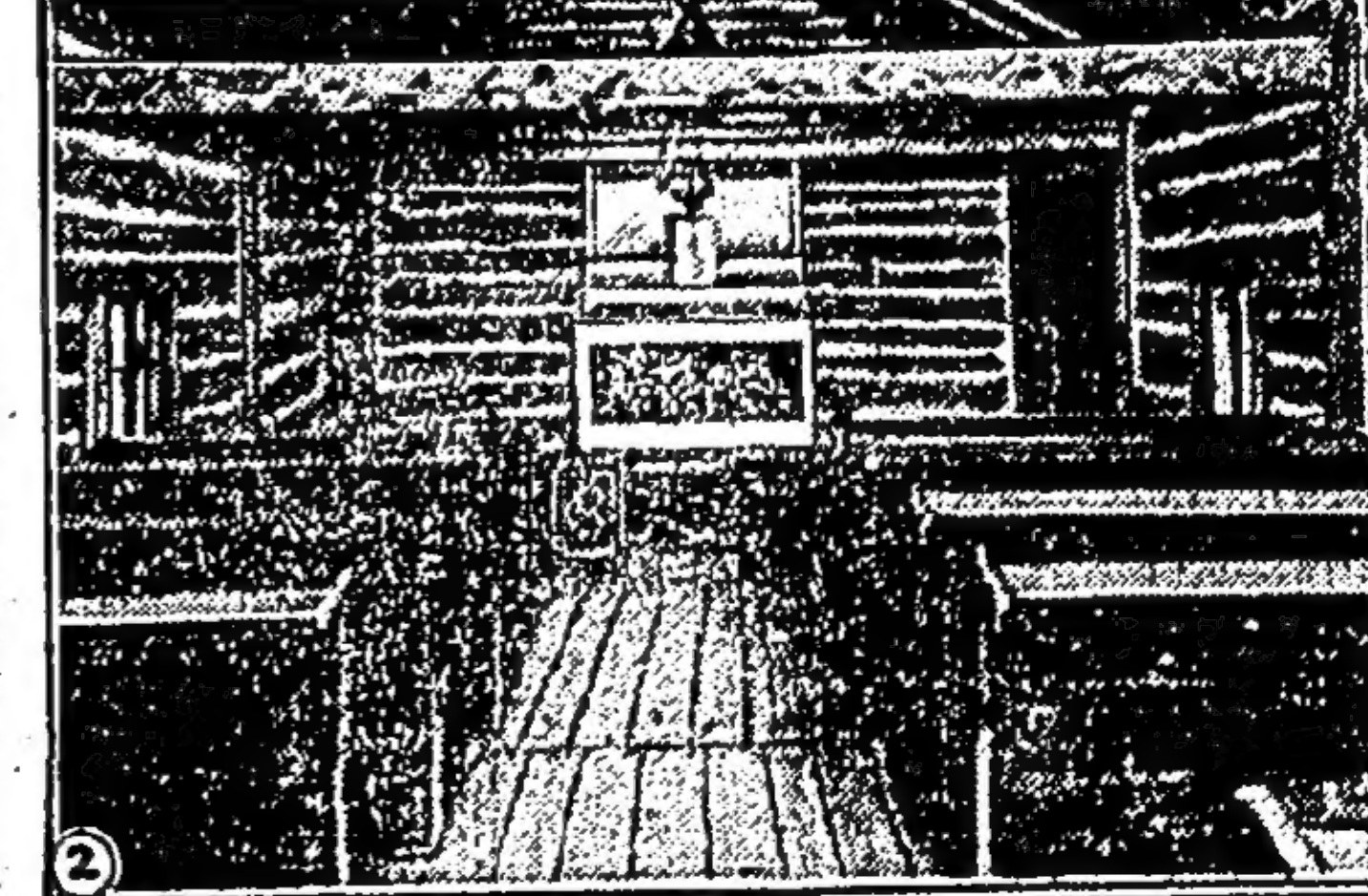
Immortalizing Pioneer Priest



One of the most colorful figures of the development of the Canadian West is immortalized today, at the scene of his labors, St. Albert, on the Sturgeon River, just outside Edmonton, by the preservation in the Mission Park of the Oblate Fathers of the original "cathedral" and mission which he founded in 1860, under orders from His Lordship Bishop Tache, of St. Boniface, and in which he carried on his work until his death in 1914. This celebrity is no less renowned a personage than Rev. Father Albert Lacombe, after whom Lacombe, Alta. is named, and who played such an important part in the pacifying of the warring Indian Tribes of the West and the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway. His untiring efforts in the latter connection won him special recognition from Sir William Van Horne, its president, who not only gave him a permanent pass on the line, but made him its head for one day. From the day of his arrival in the West in 1849, from Quebec, where he was born in 1827, this brave and energetic Oblate had staunch friends among the Indians and continued to establish himself, both among them and the white population, as one of the best-known and most-loved characters of the most stirring days of the Prairie. Apart from his religious activities, Father Lacombe is known as one of the real Westerners of Canada. The country was in a very undeveloped state when he first established himself in it and Mission Park, today, stands for a great deal more than just a mission station.



or the scene of a devoted missionary's labours. It is a mile stone in the progress of the Canadian West and, hence, in the progress of the Dominion. The pictures show: (1) the approach to Mission Park (2) the interior of the old "cathedral," (3) its exterior, with the brick, building which now houses the old log church, and (last) the statue of Rev. Father Lacombe.



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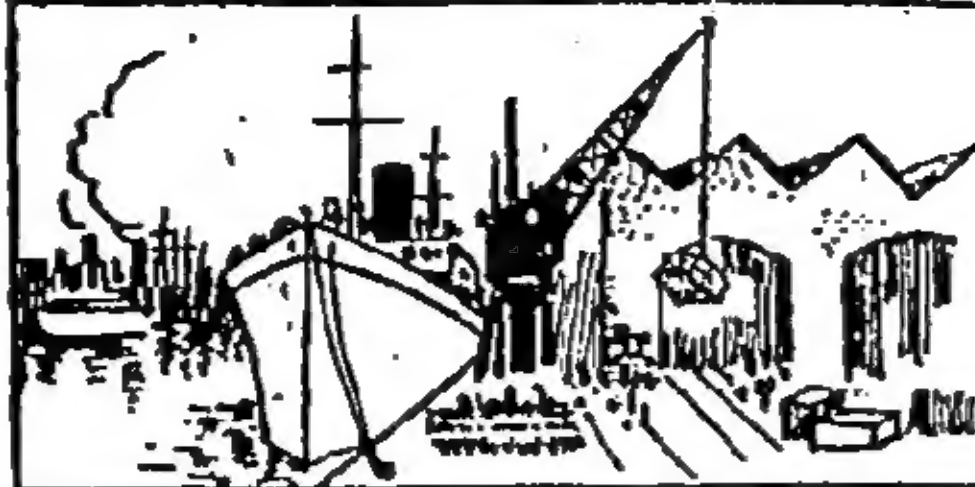
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BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Celobes Maru	Tues.	19th May
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, DEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA via Singapore & Colombo.	Sumatra Maru	Wed.	3rd June
MELBOURNE via Manila, Belawan & Sydney.	Chicago Maru	Fri.	5th June
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Rangoon.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	5th June
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Honolulu Maru	Tues.	19th May
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Tacoma Maru	Mon.	1st June
Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Arizona Maru (From Kobe)	Sat.	23rd May
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	Kinai Maru	Mon.	1st June
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhol (Fortnightly).	Altai Maru	Thurs.	21st May
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru (under docking)	Thurs.	11th June
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Canton Maru	Sun.	24th May
	Deli Maru	Thurs.	21st May

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Shipping Intelligence.

MAIL STEAMERS.

FRENCH NATIONAL EQUIPMENT PROGRAMME.

M. Laval, the French Prime Minister, has promised to include in the national equipment programme which will be laid before Parliament in June the building of two new fast mail and passenger steamers for the services between France and Algeria.

The building of mail steamers with a speed of 30 to 32 knots for these services has a military purpose: to ensure the transport of troops from North Africa without danger from submarine attacks, states the Algerian correspondent of The Times.

To do this it has been decided the journey must be completed in one night, the transports leaving the Algerian coast at nightfall and reaching the French coast by dawn on the following day. But as each ship with the required speed would cost at least \$600,000 and the fuel cost would be too high for commercial competition, a State subsidy is necessary, especially as at least 15 vessels would be needed.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Sunday, May 17.	
Deli Maru, Japanese str., 1,293 tons, Capt. E. Sanada, from Swatow, Stonecutters Anchorage—O.S.K.	
Diomed, British str., 6,353 tons, Capt. W. A. Turner, from Singapore, Holt's Wharf—B. & S.	
Honolulu Maru, Japanese str., 5,750 tons, Capt. S. Matsuda, from Moji, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.	
Kwangtung, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. A. F. Summerfield, from Swatow, buoy No. B14—B. & S.	
Tai Yin, Norwegian str., 4,109 tons, Capt. E. Bjorne, from Manila, buoy No. A4—Dodwell & Co.	
Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B20—B. & S.	
Tjisara, Dutch str., 4,394 tons, Capt. T. J. Schattenburg, from Amoy, buoy No. B5—J.C.J.L.	
Monday, May 18.	
Altai Maru, Japanese str., 4,847 tons, Capt. K. Ishibashi, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—O.S.K.	
An Lee, Chinese str., 992 tons, Capt. S. Kato, from Swatow, buoy No. B21—Yee Tai Hong.	
Kingyuan, British str., 1,546 tons, Capt. D. Wilson, from Swatow, buoy No. B8—B. & S.	
Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 1,278 tons, Capt. E. Yamamoto, from Canton, buoy No. B23—O.S.K.	
Suiyang, British str., 1,589 tons, Capt. J. Robinson, from Canton, buoy No. B9—B. & S.	
Tjillwong, Dutch str., 3,061 tons, Captain A. A. Beekhout, from Sandakan, buoy No. A3—J.C.J.L.	

GOOD-WILL MISSION TO ORIENT.

Maiden Voyage of S.S. President Hoover.

COMING TO HONG KONG.

Considerable interest and activity is shown in the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Good-Will Mission to the Orient which will sail from San Francisco on the maiden voyage of the new \$8,000,000 liner President Hoover, of the Dollar Steamship Lines, which departs from San Francisco westward on August 28. The preliminary plans for the trip are already in progress under the direction of Wallace M. Alexander and Robert Newton Lynch, chairman and director, respectively of the International Committee of the local chamber.

The passenger list on the maiden voyage of the President Hoover not only will contain the names of prominent San Franciscans but will embrace leading citizens in all walks of life from the entire Pacific Coast. Southern California, the Northwest, and the Rocky Mountain region will have a good sized delegation aboard when the big ship sets her course westward from the Golden Gate.

Ports of Call.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce will have charge of all receptions and entertainments that will be tendered the President Hoover at her ports of call on the maiden voyage, Honolulu, Yokohama and Kobe, Japan; Shanghai and Hong Kong, China; and Manila. In addition to the large passenger list which will leave San Francisco the President Hoover will depart from New York on August 6 with a heavy inter-coastal list and many booked from the East Coast to Honolulu and the Orient.

The President Hoover, which was launched at Newport News, on December 9, by Mrs. Herbert Hoover, is the largest electric merchant marine vessel ever turned out in American yards. She is 653 feet in length, 81 feet beam, 59 feet depth, with a gross tonnage of 23,000 tons, and a sea speed of 21 knots. Every convenience that can be found in a modern metropolitan hotel may be encountered on the President Hoover.

Cities in the Orient are manifesting unusual interest in the projected excursion of business and civic representatives from the Western states to the Orient. Unusual receptions and entertainments are being planned for the visit.

REDUCED INCOME.

GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S REPORT.

Mr. William J. MacAlister presided at the annual general meeting of the General Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., in London, and, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—"Our gross earnings for the year showed considerable shrinkage as compared with those of the previous year, but we were able to neutralise this to some extent by economies."

"I am afraid that in the present year more economy still will be necessary. Our steamers have run 1,210,682 miles, against 1,278,254 miles in 1929, a decrease of 67,572 miles. The tonnage of cargo carried in 1930 was 1,136,542, against 1,248,202 in 1929, a decrease of 111,660. Our bill for coal and oil fuel was \$7,604 less than in 1929."

"The year 1931 has begun very badly, and the unprecedented depression in our business shows no sign of improving. I mentioned to you last year that the cost of handling cargo had increased. I regret to say that the increase still continues: it is not so much a question of the rate of wages as the imposition of conditions under which our ships have to work that is responsible for the ever-increasing costs of handling cargo. It is a matter which is causing the management serious anxiety."

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

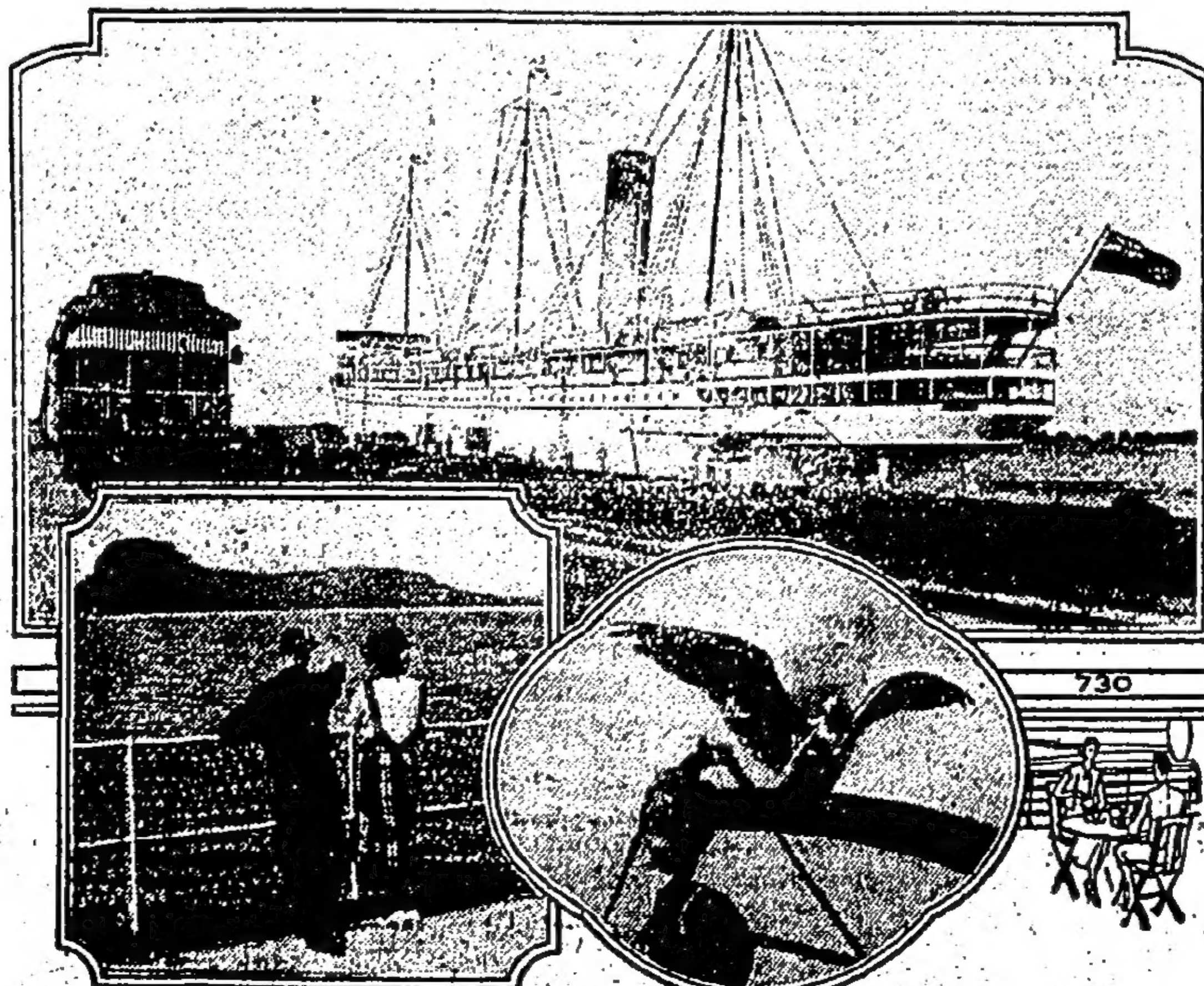
Per s.s. President Pierce on May 19:—

Misses Kathleen D. Acutt, Emily J. L. Acutt, Mr. Rolf Andonard, Mr. Cecil H. Ashworth, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Borden, Mrs. Churchill Bridgeford, Mrs. Margaret W. Campbell, Miss Ethel M. Campbell, Mr. W. Chancy Duchel, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dromey, Mrs. Gertrude M. Duncan, Mr. Edward J. Edgar, Miss Henrietta B. Ely, Mr. K. C. Fairchild, Mrs. Anna S. Hathaway, Mrs. E. B. Hogan, Mr. C. L. Hogan, Miss Virginia L. Hogan, Mrs. Victor Keen, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Leonard, Mrs. Helen S. LeVitus, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. MacSwiggen, Mrs. Margaret E. McKee, Miss Mary L. Meyer, Miss Helen H. Meyer, Mr. Fred L. Robbins, Mr. Richard Salaberry, Miss Beulah C. Searling, Mr. Aron Shalnin, Rev. Herbert W. Stewart, Dr. and Mrs. Henry H. Tipping, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodroffe, Mr. Harold B. Wrenn.

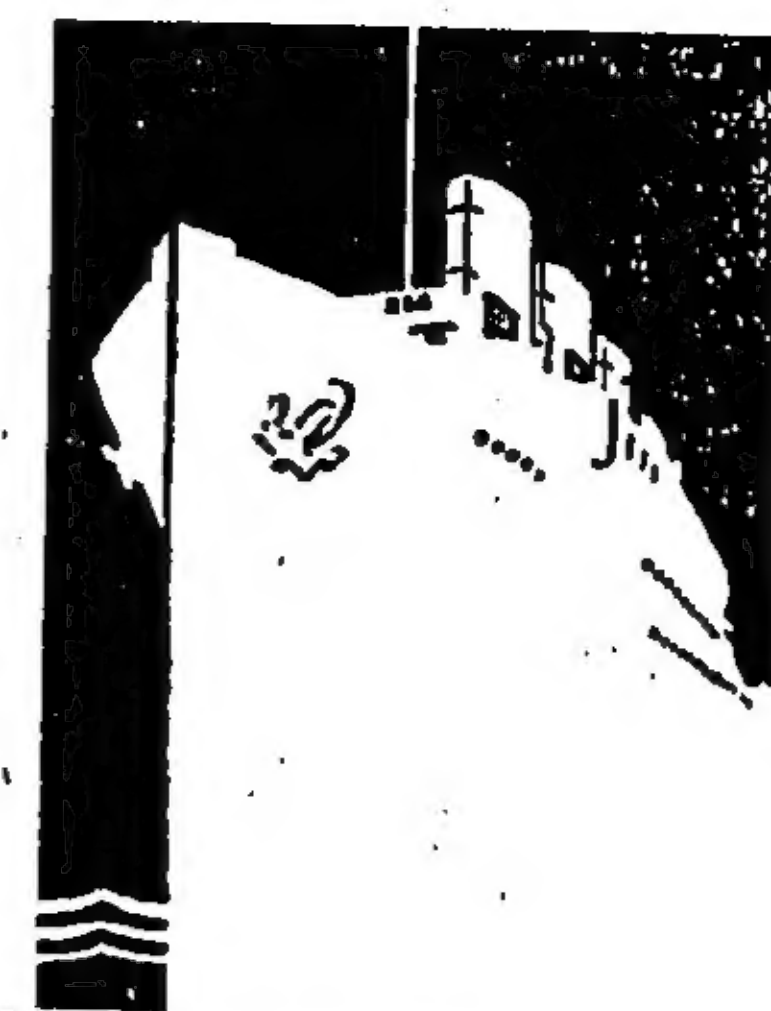
STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlomond from Middlesbrough, London, Straits and Manila is due to arrive here on June 1.

Summer Travel on the Great Lakes



The Canadian Pacific Railway announces that the company's three passenger ships, plying the Great Lakes from Port McNicoll to Fort William, will commence their summer sailing schedules on May 4 from Owen Sound and from Port McNicoll and Fort William on May 23. Thereafter, there will be three sailings weekly, one from Owen Sound to Fort William on Mondays, returning Thursdays and two each Port McNicoll to Fort William Wednesdays and Saturdays and eastbound Fort William to Port McNicoll same days. The announcement opens an alluring vista of attractive trips for the tourist who wishes to combine beauty of scenery with cool travelling under luxurious conditions in the sweltering summer days that are now approaching. The vessels, S.S. Assiniboia, Kewadin and Manitoba, are well appointed boats offering every comfort to travellers and their route is through the Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, the Sault Ste. Marie locks where there is a rise of about 20 feet to Lake Superior which they traverse, and up that vast inland sea to Fort William. The passenger travels about 600 miles, spending 89 hours on the waters of these lakes, often out of sight of land, and getting the beneficial effects of an ocean voyage. Dancing, plenty of space, strolls along promenade decks, cosy cabins, well-appointed dining-saloons, glimpses of ever-changing and beautiful scenes, fit every taste and combine to make up a trip that will linger long in the memory. Travellers who are thinking of a journey across the continent from east to west, or vice-versa, will find the trip on the Great Lakes makes a most welcome change in the monotony of rail travel. Lay-out shows Canadian Pacific ship ready to sail from Port McNicoll with passenger train alongside; and panning Thunder Cape, impressive beauty spot on Lake Superior.



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Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	July 31	Aug. 5
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 10	Aug. 12
Empress of Canada	Aug. 13	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 24
Empress of Russia	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 3	Sept. 5
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 21	Sept. 23
Empress of Asia	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 5	Oct. 7
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 19	Oct. 21
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 2	Nov. 4
Empress of Japan	Nov. 7	Nov. 10	Nov. 12	Nov. 14	Nov. 16	Nov. 18
Empress of Asia	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 1	Dec. 3

"Empress of Russia" and "Empress of Asia" call at Nagasaki.

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Empress of Canada	June 12	June 14

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St. Pierre Et Miquelon. One of the real tragedies of the rum racket in the eyes of the veterans of the North Atlantic fleet is that all the romance has gone out of the traffic to-day, leaving it entirely at the mercy of the cold, drab principles of "Big Business," writes C. J. Ketchum in the Daily Express.

The fact is, of course, that the notorious position formerly known as Rum Row, because of its concentration of drinking, roistering adventures in command of a solid fleet of rum runners twelve miles off the coast of New York, no longer exists.

If there is a Rum Row at all to-day it stretches from the Canadian Labrador in the north to the Gulf of Mexico in the south.

The end of Rum Row, as it was originally known, actually came when America's hostility to the racket reached its zenith and Congress made its first definite attempt to sweep the rum ships from the sea. Millions of pounds were then allocated to the coast-guard service, whole fleets of revenue cutters were laid down, and ex-war destroyers converted into fast moving auxiliaries to combat the traffic.

The campaign then had only a temporary effect on the rum-running business. Its only real result at the time was to disturb the complacent concentration of the wet navy and scatter its ships along the whole length of the wider front, known loosely among Atlantic mariners to-day as Rum Row of the north.

Yet as time passed it brought with it a drastic transformation in the methods of the trade. It drove the little man, with his slow-moving schooner and steam vessel, from the traffic, and awakened the more powerful operating syndicates, not only to a fresh realization of their opportunities, but to the urgent necessity of their giving their whole time to the business.

The result to-day is that rum running has become a systemized industry. It is "Big Business" run strictly in accordance with the principles of big business. The old days when cargoes were disposed of for cash over the rail—and it was nothing for an enterprising skipper to accumulate £10,000 to £15,000 on a voyage—have gone and gone probably for ever.

No longer does money change hands at sea. Wireless and long-distance telephones have remedied this necessity until to-day all negotiations are carried on by syndicate principals over the heads of, and, as a rule, far out of the sight of, the navigators.

Three and four years ago—now known as the good old days—drunken orgies in the larger auxiliaries and in most of the mother ships were a commonplace. These vessels were rarely at sea without a bevy of bright young women on board, and life while lying for long periods waiting for the smaller boats to come alongside for their supplies was one long glorious carousal.

Orders Obeyed.

But things, as I have said, have changed. Every ship movement in the racket to-day is made strictly on schedule time. Skipper who sign on with their operators at St. Pierre do so with the undertaking that they will obey their orders to the letter. They set sail on the tick of the hour. They must go where they are sent and never question the wisdom of their instructions. They do not loiter or lose time. They render full and complete reports and a strict accounting of their cargo.

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Unexpected Gunfire.

It may even be that the contact-boat may never arrive. Small cockleshell boats that they are, they are often caught in the severe storms peculiar to the eastern American coasts and the toll of lives taken in this manner can never be reckoned. Many, too, perish at the hands of unexpected gunfire of the coast-guards without a dog's chance to communicate the fate that has befallen them.

These, then, are a few of the many risks run by the skipper of the average rum-runners to-day. Every effort is made by his principal, both at the base in St. Pierre Et Miquelon, and in America, to ensure proper contact so that delivery will not be impeded. Private long-distance telephone lines run to-day into the very hotel suites of the operators in Nova Scotia and in the island in St. Pierre Et Miquelon. They are the medium of communication, both for instructions to ships at sea and for the arrangement, of fresh finances whenever they are required in New York.

If, for example, £5,000 is required urgently for the re-equipment of a fresh vessel for hurried shipment to New York, the operator simply lifts the receiver, engages for a moment in an apparently innocent conversation, then hangs up the receiver, having arranged the immediate transmission of another small-sized fortune for a deal.

The main task of the principal in America is, of course, to "square" the coastguard service. Astonishing stories are told me here of how the system of "protection" works, one skipper describing to me in intimate detail how a revenue cutter, seventeen miles out at sea, actually transferred his whole cargo to a lighter craft.

Another task for which they must always remain prepared is to straighten out the difficulties of their vessels, which are so frequently arrested nowadays many miles outside the twelve-mile limit, and brought in by Revenue cutters on a pretext.

Corrupt Officials.

For it is well known that the majority of these improper seizures provided one of the principal sources of graft to those corrupt officials of the American coastguard service who are willing to be bribed.

The procedure is simple enough. The vessel, perhaps twenty miles off the coast, playing her peaceful way on the high seas, is suddenly apprehended on "suspicion."

She is dragged into port, her master and crew imprisoned, and then freed on bail. Meanwhile, friendly negotiations between the lawyers representing the operator and the "higher ups" of the coastguard service and the police have begun, some cold cash changes hands, legal technicalities are adduced to show why the vessel should never have been arrested, and within a week off she goes scot-free to Nova Scotia.

The average rum-runner carrying a full cargo of liquor is worth about £30,000, and, according to my well-authenticated information in Nova Scotia, the usual rake-off takes in these "mistaken seizure" transactions amounts to £5,000 or £6,000. This payment is well worth it to the operator rather than forfeit both ship and its valuable cargo.

The great number of these vessels, seized so unceremoniously one day and released with so little explanation the next, proves the efficiency and indeed the power of the big rings behind the whole racket.

Their capacity to pay up only proves once more the enormous profits accumulated in the traffic. Such payments are simply drawn from standing "defence funds" in the coffers of the rum barons of New York and Chicago. They amount to comparative little money when the annual balance sheet is brought forth in review.

Yes, save for the roar of the coastguard guns to-day and the heavy toll of the sea, all the romance has gone from Rum Row.

"Big business" has taken its place.

Yet, even now, here in these bleak, northern waters, any one endowed with the slightest imagination cannot fail to compare these hardy old Canadian skippers who actually bear the brunt of the racket, with their seafaring ancestors of 1812-14, when their black-hulled, swift-sailing privateers "whistled up the wind" and, in the King's name, preyed on the commerce of a United States then in its infancy.

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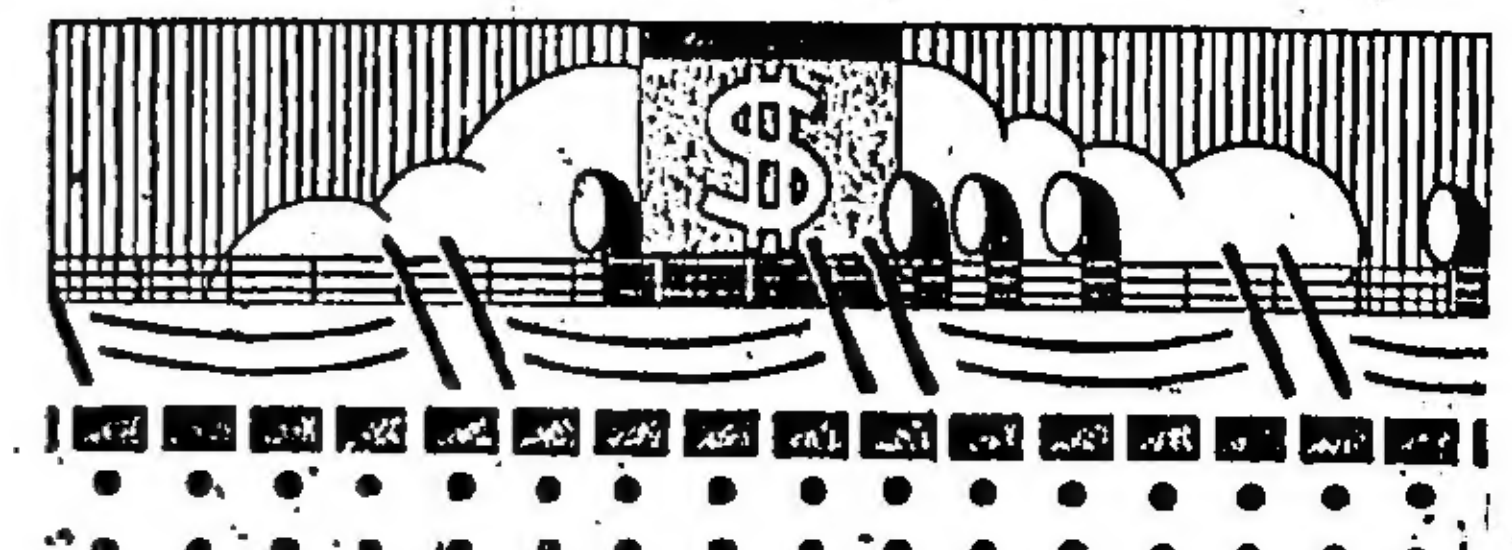
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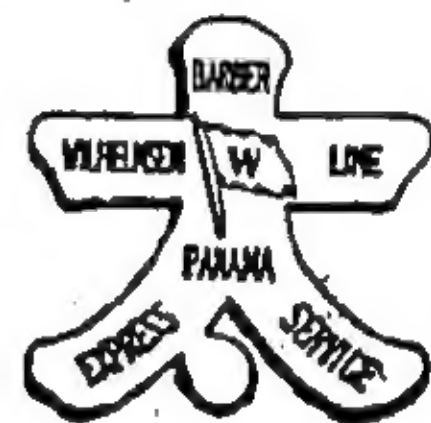
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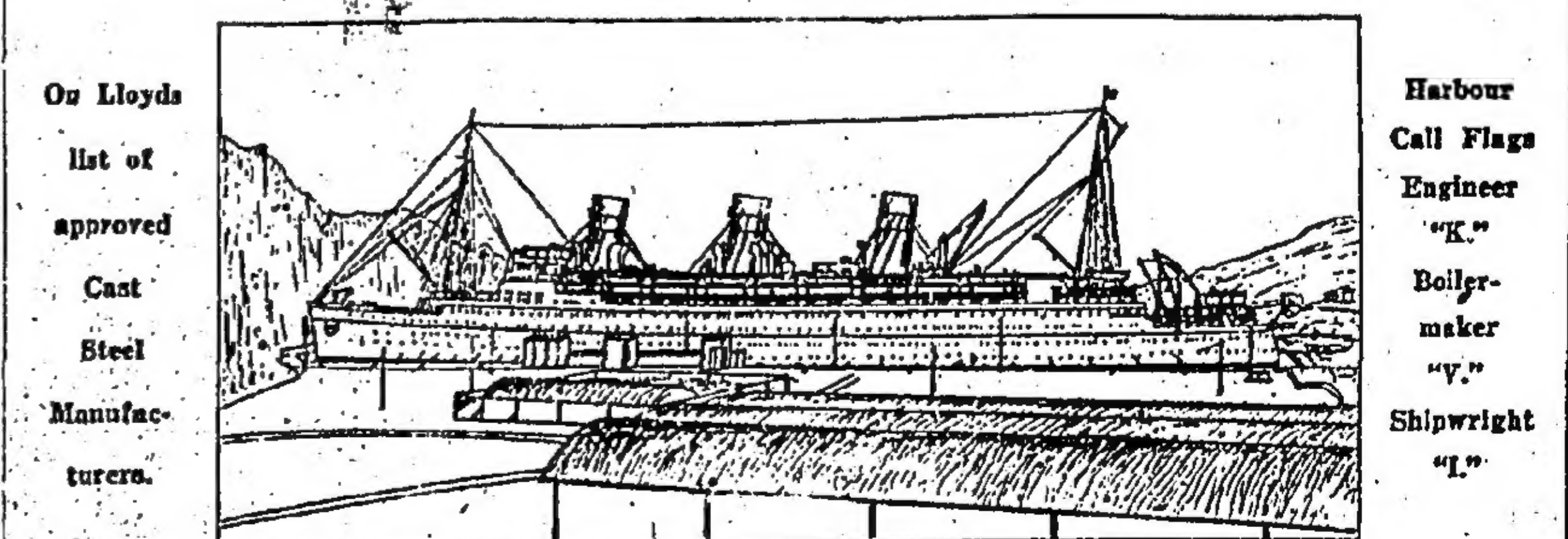
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China and Silver.

In our last issue reference was made in this column to the article on "China's Grave Obstacles" by Mr. Chang Kia-ngau, General Manager of the Bank of China, in the Financial Times International Banking Supplement. We considered that we had reached the limit as regards literal reproduction from his article; but a Chinese reader hints to-day that Mr. Chang might have written something of value on the now threadbare topic of silver and currency. He did—but nothing that can in reality take us much farther until we hear the recommendations of the Currency Commission (as regards Hong Kong, of course) and their reception by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

In the article referred to Mr. Chang Kia-ngau states that low silver exchange values might have been expected to provide a stimulus for Chinese export trade during the past year, but this advantage has been reduced, if not altogether lost, owing to the spread of the international trade depression. As a result of the depression there has not been the normal demand for the commodities which China exports. For example, the total number of bales of raw silk imported into the U.S.A. from all sources during the first ten

months of 1930 was only 429,975, as compared with 540,247 in the similar period of 1929, and 474,116 in the first ten months of 1928.

The rapidity of the decline in silver prices during 1930 has attracted considerable notice, and, as we all are fully aware, many remedies have been put forward. No country is more vitally concerned than China with the finding of a satisfactory solution of the silver question, and in no country does this problem bulk so large, but—says Mr. Chang—clearly little can be hoped for from schemes which envisage an entirely changed attitude toward silver, unless there is good reason to think that those whose support is essential for the success of such schemes are willing to be converted. Probably the most that can be anticipated is that those countries which are most concerned with the maintenance of the price of silver will sooner or later find it to their mutual advantage to co-operate to this end. The Kemmerer Commission which recently visited China recommended that she should adopt the gold exchange standard as the basis for her currency. The Chinese Government has approved this recommendation in principle, though it is asserted that the immediate difficulties with which the country is faced at present prevent the practical adoption of this important change. It is impossible to foresee what will happen to silver if and when this change is made, but in the meantime (in the opinion of Mr. Chang) it would unquestionably be a gain if it were possible to secure co-operation between the silver producing countries of America, the Indian Government, which still has large stocks of demonetised silver to dispose of, and China, which is now practically the only remaining purchaser of silver on a large scale.

In time China must realize the benefits of stabilisation of exchange. The sooner she does so the sooner will the "diehard" opponents of a fixed exchange for Hong Kong hoist the white flag!

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 75 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. and also at 4 p.m. was 89.

Running across Connaught Road Central from a wharf, a girl, Chan Ng-mui, aged ten years, was knocked down by the wheel of a passing lorry. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to her left foot.

The Prince's Theatre, situated at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road, is nearing completion, and will be opened in about a month's time.

In order to have a talk with the defendant's parents, the Central Police Court Magistrate, Mr. Schofield, to-day remanded Chan Shun (18) for 24 hours on a charge of stealing a woollen jersey from a Chinese at West Point.

A. H. S. Skinn, Form VI, Central British School, who sat for the Peace Memorial Scholarship last December, has been awarded this Scholarship. It is of the value of £450 a year for three years and tenable at any University, no restraint being placed on the prize-man as to the country in which he may desire to prosecute his studies.

An inquiry into the circumstances causing the death of a Chinese man, Fung Fun (60) was held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, sitting with a jury, in the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The man was knocked down by a China Motor Bus on May 3 near the Mongkok Fire Station and died later in the Kowloon Hospital. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" exonerating the driver of all blame.

Private D. W. Foreman, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who died on Sunday after a short illness, was buried at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday with full military honours. The Rev. A. F. Mackenzie officiated. A firing party from "B" Company fired a volley over the grave, and buglers of the regiment sounded the "Last Post" and the "Reveille." The pipes and drums of the battalion, which headed the cortege to the cemetery, played "Lochaber No More."

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ments as compared with values ruling at the end of 1929.

Reinsurance Fund is up by some \$1,340,000 and Underwriting Suspense Account by just over \$500,000.

A Large Surplus.
The surplus to be dealt with is \$1,395,056.95, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend at the increased figure of \$32 and of an Exchange Bonus of \$10, making \$60 per share in all, which will absorb \$800,000; we further recommend the addition of \$20,000 to Sterling Reserve, of \$100,000 to Reinsurance Fund and the transfer of the balance, amounting to \$332,342.66, to Underwriting Suspense Account to close 1929 and previous years. The balance of \$2,641,244.06, at credit of 1930 Account, allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$13 for that year.

In making these recommendations your General Agents and Consulting Committee have felt that it is only reasonable that shareholders should participate in the very considerable accretion of interest that has resulted from the Company's gold securities, owing to the present low exchange; they do not consider it advisable, however, to increase the definitive dividend beyond a figure that could be maintained with comfort out of interest alone, even should exchange return to a level of 2/-, hence the suggestion of an "Exchange" bonus. They trust that shareholders will take full cognizance of the note appearing in the report wherein it is stated that the continuance of this "Bonus," in the whole or in part, will depend entirely on the future fluctuations of exchange.

Auditors' Fees Up.
It is proposed to raise the auditors' fees from \$1,000 to \$1,250 for each firm and you will, I hope, confirm this when the proposal for the re-election of auditors comes before the meeting. I do not think there is anything further that calls for special reference, but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any questions arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the accounts themselves have been duly seconded. I now propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and accounts, as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1929 of \$32, together with an Exchange Bonus of \$10 per share and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1930 of \$18 per share; an addition of \$20,000 to Sterling Reserve, of \$100,000 to Reinsurance Fund and of \$332,342.66 to Underwriting Suspense Account, be adopted and passed."

Seconded by Mr. Lo Cheung-shui and carried unanimously.
Sir Robert Ho Tung and Messrs. A. H. Compton, L. Dunbar, H. Humphreys, T. E. Pearce, and A. H. White were unanimously re-elected to serve on the Consulting Committee, on the proposal of Mr. Ho

ELECTION CARNAGE.

HEAVY CASUALTIES IN RIOTS IN EGYPT.

PREMIER'S REGRET.

Cairo, Yesterday.
Seven rioters killed and several wounded and one Police officer and three Policemen injured in the casualty list resulting from disturbances in three villages in Dakahlia province on the last very difficult day of the primary elections. Two other deaths elsewhere are also reported.

The Premier, Sidky Pasha says that 65 per cent. of the electorate polled, and thus favoured the new constitution. He deplored the bloodshed, which was the last resort to avoid anarchy.

Earlier Cable.

Cairo, Yesterday.

The elections end to-day. Troops were obliged to fire on a crowd at a village near Mitgami, and six people were wounded.—Reuter.

ON STRIKE.

PROTEST AGAINST REDUCTION OF WAGES.

Roubaix, Yesterday.

The strike order issued yesterday has been obeyed by 100,000 out of 150,000 workers.

The majority of the Belgian employees are still working.—Reuter.

[A message dated May 17 stated: One hundred and twenty-five thousand workers in the Roubaix-Tourcoing zone have been ordered by the Textile and General Workers Union to strike on Monday, in opposition to the employers' proposals to reduce wages. Gradually, the metal workers, transport workers, and engineers engaged in textile factories will support the strike.]

"CONSPIRACY" OFF STAGE.

Term Explained by Lord Darling.

Lord Darling, in the King's Bench Division, recently gave an explanation of the word "conspiracy" as used in a legal sense. "Conspiracy is generally used in connection with picturesquely dressed men in the Wild West or elsewhere," he said. "Usually in the first act of a play you see the conspirators meet—the first, second, and third murderers.

"They stand there together and speak to one another, but they take care to speak so loudly that you or I could hear them in the stalls or the gallery.

"You never get that sort of thing in the cases which come into the Law Courts. The law says that a person may be a conspirator without all that is said by the conspirators being overheard, and that a jury may conclude that there was a conspiracy if they find the people accused of being conspirators all acting together to produce some result profitable to themselves."

Lord Darling was summing up in the case in which:—

Mr. William Ernest Clifton, of Westhill Avenue, Epsom, sued Mr. Fred Baden Powell Weil, of Abercorn Place, London, N.W., Mr. Isaac Abelson, of Holcroft Road, Cricklewood, Mr. Henry Ivor Wood, of Compayne Gardens, Hampstead, and the Frederick Investment Corporation, Ltd., of Salisbury House, London, E.C.

Mr. Clifton claimed damages for alleged misrepresentation in consequence of which, he said, he parted with 100,000 Deferred Ordinary 1s. shares in Clifton-phone and Records, Ltd.

He alleged that the individual defendants as directors of the corporation induced him to part with the shares at par when they stood in the market at about three shillings each, that the shares were afterwards sold at a higher price, and that he was deprived of a profit of £9,375.

Misrepresentation was denied by the persons sued.

Mr. Clifton was awarded £9,375 damages against all the defendants, and judgment was given accordingly with costs.

P. & O. SALARIES.

London, Yesterday.

A ten per cent. reduction in salaries, effective on August 1, applies to all staffs of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., ashore and afloat, from the Chairman downwards.—Reuter.

Kom-tong, seconded by Mr. J. H. Selh.

On the proposal of Mr. K. Stuart-Smith, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were unanimously re-elected auditors for the ensuing year at the increased remuneration of \$1,250 each.

CIVIL WAR.

CHAN CHAI-TONG URGED TO DESIST.

EVENTS DEPLORED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

A Hankow message states that the Provincial Government of Hunan and Hupoh have wired to General Chan Chai-tong urging him to desist from stirring up civil strife, pointing out the fate which met Feng Yu-hsiang and Yen Hsi-shan, who had a considerably larger army.

A Nanking message says General Chang Hsueh-liang and other important Manchurian leaders, including Chang Tao-hsiang, Wan Fulin and Tsang Shih-yi, the Governors respectively of Kirin, Heilungkiang and Fengtien, have issued a circular telegram deploring the events at Canton, urging the necessity for settling political differences by peaceful means, and finally pledging support to the Central Government against any attempt against its security.—Reuter.

RELIGIOUS STORIES.

FRIEND OF THE BOGUS BISHOP.

HOW HE GOT A £50 CHEQUE.

Sunday school pupils at a London mission had as their superintendent an ex-convict and an associate of Frank Oswald Charteris, the bogus bishop, it was revealed at London Sessions.

A smartly dressed man, describing himself as John Jones, aged 59, a clerk, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour, for obtaining a cheque for £50 by false pretences from Mr. Thomas Walter Moullin, of Gerrards Cross (Bucks).

Mr. St. John Hutchinson, prosecuting, said that Jones called on Mr. Moullin, who was of a very generous nature and of independent means, and explained that he was collecting money for a Christian mission.

"A Living Church."
He mentioned a clergyman well known to Mr. Moullin, and produced a notice which read:—

"Here we are again to tell you that if you don't already belong to another church, we shall be delighted to see you at Camden Town Mission."

"Last Sunday we had an enthusiastic company and new members welcomed, but these joys were but a foretaste of the greater happenings we expect to see. When we hold our harvest festival won't you come and say, 'Thanks be unto God' for all blessings received?"

"Special cantata by the choir, 'Song of Thanksgiving' (Adams). Sit where you like. Hymn-books provided. Make a fresh start in a living church.—J. B. Wood, secretary, Arlington Road, N.W."

FLAG DAYS.

LONDON'S GENEROSITY LAST YEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The total sum collected in the streets of London for various charities by means of flag days last year was £264,631, representing an increase compared with 1929 of £7,415.

Alexandra Rose Day and British Legion collections accounted for more than half the year's total sum.—British Wireless Service.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of May 19, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5½.
An incident which lends emphasis to the demands that have been made in the past for better communication between Cheung Chau and Hong Kong occurred last Tuesday, when two ladies resident on Cheung Chau found themselves faced with the necessity of rowing across to Hong Kong, a distance of ten miles, in order to procure medical assistance for a European lady visitor who had become seriously ill. An attempt to summon aid by telephoning from the Police Station led to the discovery that the telephone cable was out of order, and it also happened that the European Police Sergeant was absent from duty, leaving only Chinese and Indians, incapable of understanding English, in charge of the Station. With commendable pluck the two ladies, Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Archer, then resolved to row across in a twelve foot dinghy, and just when they were starting out, two Chinese volunteered to accompany them. When about half way across they were overtaken by a Chinese sampan which took them for the rest of the way. The journey across occupied about two hours and a half.

THE LOG Of The "TRADER HORN" Expedition.

by W. S. Van Dyke

Exclusive to the "China Mail"

Nairobi, Kenya, May 4.
For two days we have been established here, setting up our laboratory and preparing a safari into "the blue." All of the equipment that has followed us from Mombasa or awaiting the next slow freight. With the indulgence of the Kenya and Uganda Railroad we should be ready to start up country on the last leg of our journey next week. By that time the laboratory will be developed and created as fast as we can get it back here.

The trip from Mombasa was more absorbing per mile than all the other 12,000 we have travelled. The herculean little woodburning train that fights its way over the 300 miles run from sea-level at Mombasa to the 5,000-foot altitude of Nairobi gave us every thrill we have been expecting from Africa. It takes eighteen hours to make the journey, but it might be eighteen hours at a three ring circus. On one side you have a game preserve, alive with zebra, antelope, wildbeasts, giraffe and ostrich. On the other you are passing native villages, dense jungle country and miles of upland plains. Just when you get your glasses focused on a particularly attractive ostrich someone on the other side of the compartment shouts that if you hurry you can get a flush of a native warrior with a shield, and a spear.

At Nairobi we changed from the white ducks we were wearing and climbed back into woollens. Except for a very hot sun at noon-time, you might be in the temperate zone, but the minute we started out of the station we realized we were not. Our breaths started to come in gasps.

"It's the Altitude."

I was on the verge of throwing away my last pack of American



Governor: "It is awful—I have to add you all day long."
Billy: "Don't worry—I'm not a bit sensitive."
—Passing Show, London.

cigarettes when a Briton who had come on with us on the train stopped me. "It's not the cigarettes, it's the altitude," he said. Since then, I've heard the expression a great deal. It's a lot like, "It's not the heat, it's the humidity." In Kenya it will cover anything from grounds for divorce to the text of a sermon.

We stopped at the New Stanley Hotel a short turn from the station. It is the customary home for Americans at the present, although President Roosevelt stayed at the Norfolk when he came to Nairobi for big game.

Nairobi as a city is a remarkable instance of the development which a single railroad can bring to a cluster of huts. Were it not for the Kenya and Uganda Railroad there is no doubt that this city would still be nothing but a dot on the horizon. Instead, it is the most progressive city in Kenya, the home of most civilized and highly cultured European population. The impenetrable country that separates it from the sea has been spanned by the railroad and the influx of civilization has begun. It should be a matter of only a few years until there are street cars in Nairobi and perhaps a cafeteria or two. Right now there is a five storey hotel under construction on one corner and down the street two blocks another one has just been completed. And yet, on the outskirts of town people still complain of the lions running over their gardens. And apart from the game, which has its attraction, is the matter of the red dust which covers everything for miles around the city. In the very dry season you are apt to wake in the morning with henna hair or with red ink in your wash pitcher. Perhaps when all the roads are paved the problem will be solved.

"Children" Left Behind.
But back to the future of the "Trader Horn" M.G.M. Company which is more important to me at the present than the future of Nairobi: I have decided to leave "my children" at the New Stanley for a week or so while I take some of my camera

men and technical men up country with me to look over locations. That will save the delay of waiting here to outfit a safari and then proceeding in a body to look around. By the time the actors arrive and the equipment is set up ready to use, I will have everything ready to "shoot" a sight. The details of the safari will meet me as I am leaving to the able direction of my business manager, who has been here long enough to know the best people to engage.

Unless circumstances prevent—and a heavy rain will prevent anything here—I will shove off with my advance guard day after tomorrow. We will make Kampala our first stop. That is a small settlement on the West side of Lake Victoria, about three days journey from here by train, auto and foot. From there we can strike out farther west in search of fifty crocodiles, a savage native tribe, and various other props, useful to the successful African movie director. When the moment propitious arrives, perhaps a week later, I will send word back to Nairobi when to meet me and where. Until then, I trust my cohorts will make the best of their last taste of civilization for a good many months.

Kampala, Uganda, May 8.
It is only four days since I discarded my carefully pressed business suit and well-shined shoes in Nairobi, but already I am becoming big game conscious, and it will be a matter of only a few weeks until I can take my place in that greatest of all hunting grounds, the bar of the New Stanley Hotel, Nairobi. More vicious beasts meet their fate within those four wainscoted walls each evening at sun down than elsewhere in all Africa. Even now I am wearing a three days beard, the light tan acquired on the Red Sea has deepened into almost a Big Game Tan and my new boots are covered respectfully with a coating of native dust. I have all the equipment but a distant look in the eye and some assorted Hard Lines around the mouth, but I am trusting to the next few weeks to take them on.

It was May 6 that our little advance party waved farewell to the stay-behinds in Nairobi and boarded the branch line train for Jinja. It is hard to estimate the looks which followed us out of the station, but if facial expression is at all eloquent I have grounds for a slender suit against Harry Carey. It was apparent that he was chafing-at-the bit in Nairobi and didn't think much of the idea of being left at the post.

Test Shots Along Route.
There were six of us in the party: Clyde De Vinna, my head cameraman, Bob Roberts, Akely, Cameraman, Louis McAfee, head electrician, and two white hunters, R. C. Bowring and Major Dickinson. We were taking with us enough supplies to last about two weeks and enough film to make test shots along the route. At the end of the railroad in Jinja it was our intention to go into Kampala by rented Lorries and there make definite arrangements for motor transportation through the Belgian Congo.

At five in the afternoon the next day we pulled into Jinja the thirteen boys on our party unloaded the luggage and piled it into five motor lorries we were able to charter at the station.

Jinja has two claims to fame; first, it is the end of the Uganda Railroad at present, and second, it is one of the chief ports of Lake Victoria. A rather tumble-down gas engine ferry transports the few cars and passengers from the railroad across the half mile stretch of water forms the northern end of Lake Victoria. On the western side of the lake begins the Kampala road, 60 miles of just as nice red gravel as one could find anywhere in civilization.

Trip in Native Dugouts.
It took three trips to get us across. Our camp boys made the trip in native dugouts which operate in competition to the ferry. They are manned by black oarsmen who develop a precision of stroke and conservation of energy that would make our University crew coaches envious. One dugout that left Jinja at the same moment as the ferry, reached the other side at least four lengths ahead.

It was dark when we assembled for the start—an unfortunate circumstance, since there is much worth seeing along the way to Kampala. Thanks to the splendid roads we were able to cover the 60 miles in a little over two hours and arrived at the Imperial Hotel at 8. It was a bit disappointing to find that the dinner was much inferior to the meals on the railroad or anything we had imagined in our most pessimistic moments. I would

KING AND QUEEN.

PRIVATE VISIT TO ROYAL ACADEMY.

FIRST COURT TO-DAY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The King and Queen paid a private visit to the Royal Academy exhibition yesterday.
Their Majesties will hold the first Court of the season to-morrow night. The second Court will be held on Wednesday night.
In spite of the uncertainties of the trade outlook throughout the world, the London season is now in full swing, and is no less brilliant than its predecessors. The list of functions, both indoor and outdoor, is unusually long, with distinguished visitors from abroad and from the Dominions, as well as from the provinces, for the events of the next two months.—British Wireless Service.

MR. SNOWDEN.

RUMOUR DESCRIBED AS PURE INVENTION.

NOT TO RESIGN.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Philip Snowden, is reported to be rather better. Although confined to his room at his official residence in Downing Street, he continues to take an active interest in the affairs of his department, and Treasury officials are constantly in consultation with him.
A report that he is contemplating resignation from his office, and is likely to become a Peer and to be appointed Colonial Minister, is denied. Mrs. Snowden declares the report is a pure invention.
A rumour that the Colonial Secretary, Lord Passfield, intends to resign, is also denied; and Mr. Lees Smith, the Minister of Education, has also denied a report that he is likely to be made a peer.—British Wireless Service.

IRON AND STEEL.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT CONFERENCE.

TARIFF REJECTED.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Area conferences of the iron and steel trades, representing 60,000 workpeople, on Saturday, approved, with a few dissentients, a series of resolutions which are to be presented to the Government as the Unions' proposals for the future of the iron and steel industry.
They are the Unions' alternative to the policy of a tariff on imported steel, which the employers advocate.

The Unions reject the tariff, and urge that the industry should be brought within the control of a public utility corporation, organized on a national basis, and seeking to control the home market by international agreements with competing countries.—British Wireless Service.

RAW OPIUM.

LARGE SEIZURE IN ANTWERP.

Antwerp, Yesterday.
Warned by Dutch detectives, the police seized four large cases containing 300 kilograms of raw opium disguised as "dried fruit," consigned from Constantinople via Rotterdam to Antwerp, and believed to be ultimately intended for Paris.—Reuter.

strongly advise my friends who may someday find themselves in the vicinity of Kampala to either provide themselves with an ample supply of good old canned goods or else remain overnight at the little hotel at Jinja. It is unfortunate that so charming a town as Kampala can offer its visitors no better accommodations than the Imperial Hotel.

Most Hideous Noise.
Being somewhat fatigued by the long day of travelling and finding nothing better to do, we turned in immediately after dinner. At 11 o'clock I was aroused by a most hideous noise which seemed to emanate from the front porch of the hotel. Here I thought, is one beast that I have certainly never heard of—and hope never to hear from again.

Putting on a bathrobe I ran downstairs. In the bar five Scotsmen were having a party. In the midst of the room stood a bottle of whiskey. Behind it one of the Scots was playing a bagpipe. I was informed that it was the weekly gathering of the Kampala Caledonian Society, and was offered a drink. Since I had no money with me at the time, I turned on my heel and went back to bed.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

THE CAREER OF WALLACE SMITH.

"BEAU BANDIT."

Few writers have the colourful background of Wallace Smith, author of the original and screen version of "Beau Bandit," now at the Central Theatre.
He was a star reporter in the town of his birth, Chicago, before he was twenty. He was once the youngest correspondent at Washington, D.C.

He was with General Pershing on the famous punitive expedition in Mexico in 1916. Soldier of fortune, rancher, rodeo rider and many other titles might be added to the one of writer.

However, Wallace Smith is best known for his magazine writing, drawing and screen adaptations.

His drawing talent was recognized when he illustrated Ben Hecht's "Fantasia Melare."

As contributor to Cosmopolitan, Red Book and Liberty magazines, he created such stories as "Are You Decent?" "Tiger's Mate," "Oregon Sketches" and "Yellow-stone Trail." Screen stories to his credit are "The Gaucho," "The Dove," "Arabian Knights," "Bull-dog Drummond," "Radio Pictures," "The Delightful Rogue" and "Beau Bandit."

"HELL'S ANGELS."

One of the most thrilling crashes seen in "Hell's Angels," Edward Hughes' \$4,000,000 air classic now at the Queen's Theatre, is one not called for in the script. The company was on location at Oakland airport. Fifty planes were "dog fighting," staging the big realistic air-battle which is a spectacular climax of the picture. Suddenly two of the planes collide, 6,000 feet in mid-air.

One plane, flown by Stewart Murphy, lost an aileron and Murphy was forced to resort to his parachute. He made a safe landing, but the wrecked plane hurtled to the ground a mass of splinters.

The other pilot, Ira Reed, elected to "ride plane," and by skillful manoeuvring, landed it safely with but slight damage.
Fortunately the entire accident was recorded by the "Hell's Angels" cameras, so that a real accidental smash-up will be seen among those so carefully planned and executed, lending added excitement to the breath-taking spectacle.

"YOUNG MAN OF MANHATTAN"

"The Bellamy Trial" was one of the most popular aerial novels the Saturday Evening Post has published in recent years. It became, under the capable direction of Monta Bell, a very entertaining and very popular moving picture.
"Young Man of Manhattan" published as a serial in the Saturday Evening Post in the Winter of 1929-30 got the undivided interest of millions of readers. It was one of the most popular serials the weekly magazine ever produced. Happily enough, this serial too, has been entrusted to the capable direction of Monta Bell, and its entertainment value as an all-talking romance-drama will be appreciated at the Central Theatre to-morrow.

"Young Man of Manhattan" is a story about newspaper people, told against a background of typical newspaper locales—football games, prize fights, six-day bicycle races and the familiar sports writers' rendezvous in New York, Florida and St. Louis.

Claudette Colbert plays the part of the lovely, ambitious Ann Vaughn. Norman Foster plays the part of Toby McLean, the zip-bang sports scribe. Charles Ruggles is Shorty Ross, and Ginger Rogers, a newcomer to the films, is Puff Randolph.

The screen version was written by Robert Presnell, staff scenarist at the Paramount Long Island Studio.

"WHOOPEE."

From Broadway, Hollywood, the beauty contests of two continents and even the West End of London Samuel Goldwyn and Florenz Ziegfeld assembled 105 of the world's most beautiful women for the spectacular scenes of "Whoopee," the new Eddie Cantor screen musical comedy, due for presentation at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow.

"FEET FIRST"

Harold Lloyd has accomplished what he set out to do in "Feet First," coming to the King's Theatre on Thursday, he has surpassed the thrills of "Safety Last," the all-time criterion for hair-raising moving pictures. This time Lloyd has done it in talking pictures. He has made an all-dialogue film that's action from start to finish with no time out for conversation.
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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Anybody's Woman."
To-day—Queen's Theatre; "Hell's Angels."
To-day—Central Theatre; "Beau Bandit."
To-day—Majestic Theatre; "River of Romance."
Thursday—World Theatre; "The Desert Song."

Home Mails.

To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Diomed), 10 a.m.
Thursday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Rampura).

Meetings.

Friday—China Underwriters, Hong Kong Bank Building, noon.
Sports.
See Sports Diary on Page 9.

NO ARRESTS.

CHINESE ASSASSINS STILL AT LARGE.

London, Yesterday.
A regretful negative reply was given by Mr. Dalton in the House of Commons to a question whether the murderers of lady missionaries and the bandits who captured the late Father Tierney had yet been apprehended by the Chinese Government.

He asked for notice of a question as to when the British Government last made any communication on the subject, and said he was satisfied that the Chinese Government was doing its best. He pointed out that China was not the only place where criminals sometimes eluded the police.—Reuter.

DUTCH AIR MAIL.

Sydney, Yesterday.
The first Dutch air mail, which is an extension of the normal service from Batavia, has arrived and the airman have been officially welcomed.—Reuter.

filled with convulsing Lloyd gags, according to the critics who viewed the first rushes of the picture. Lloyd, as an ambitious but blundering shoe clerk, falls in love with Barbara Kent, social secretary to his wealthy employer's wife, and mistaking her for a fashionable heiress, he turns himself inside out to catch a social plane which will permit him to make love to her.

His ambitious social climb carries him to the top of an unfinished skyscraper, projects him from a sky-lobby window, makes him a stowaway on an ocean-going liner, and, generally, provides him with enough dare-devil comedy situation to keep young and old laughing continuously during the progress of the story.

"THE DESERT SONG."

The World Theatre, which has been closed since April 15, during which time the house has been thoroughly overhauled and all necessary alterations made for the reception of sound, will re-open on Thursday, when "The Desert Song," starring John Boles and Carlotta King, will be screened. Louise Fazenda, Myrna Loy and John Miljan are in the supporting cast.
The film is a Warner Brothers Vitaphone Operetta.

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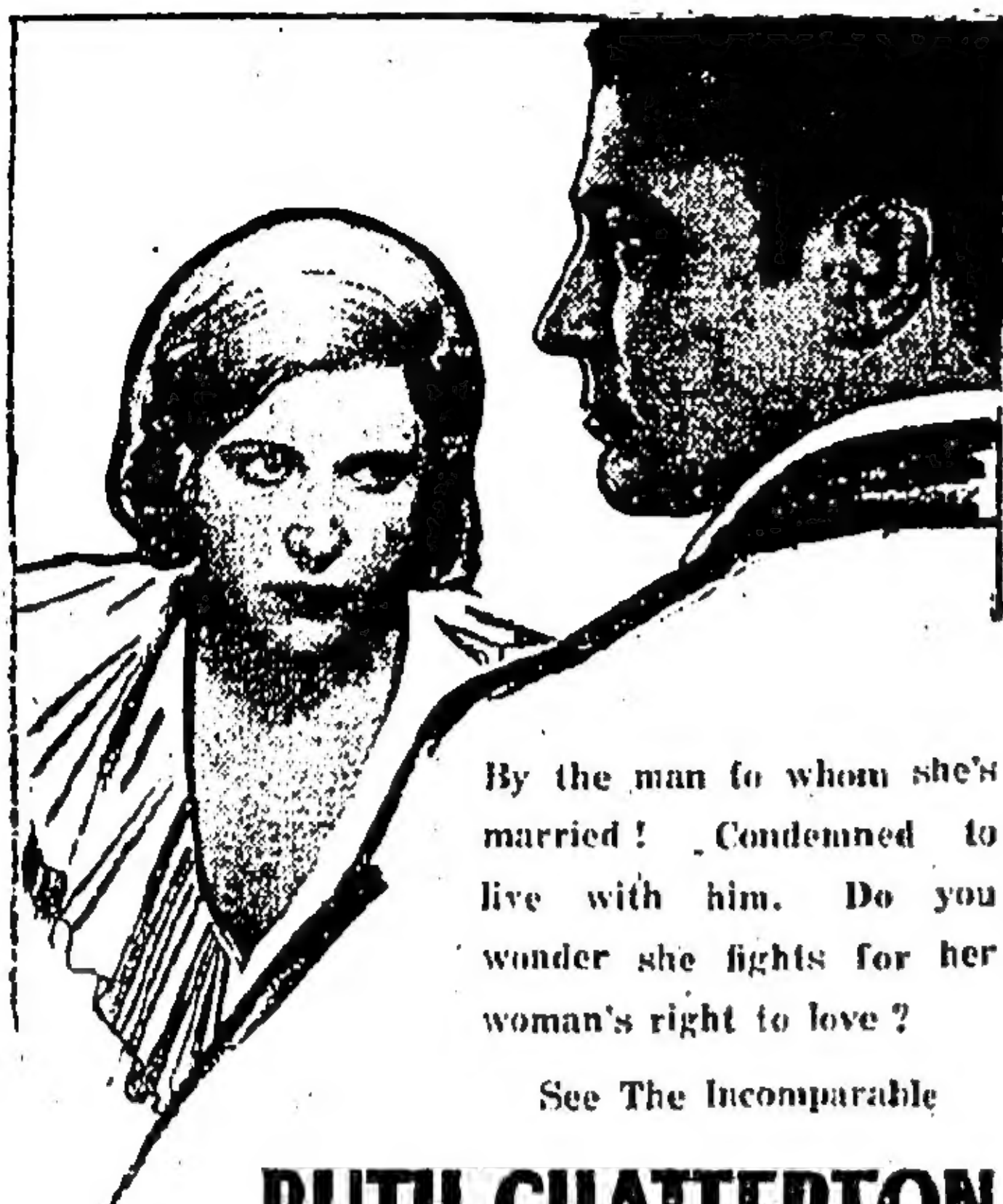
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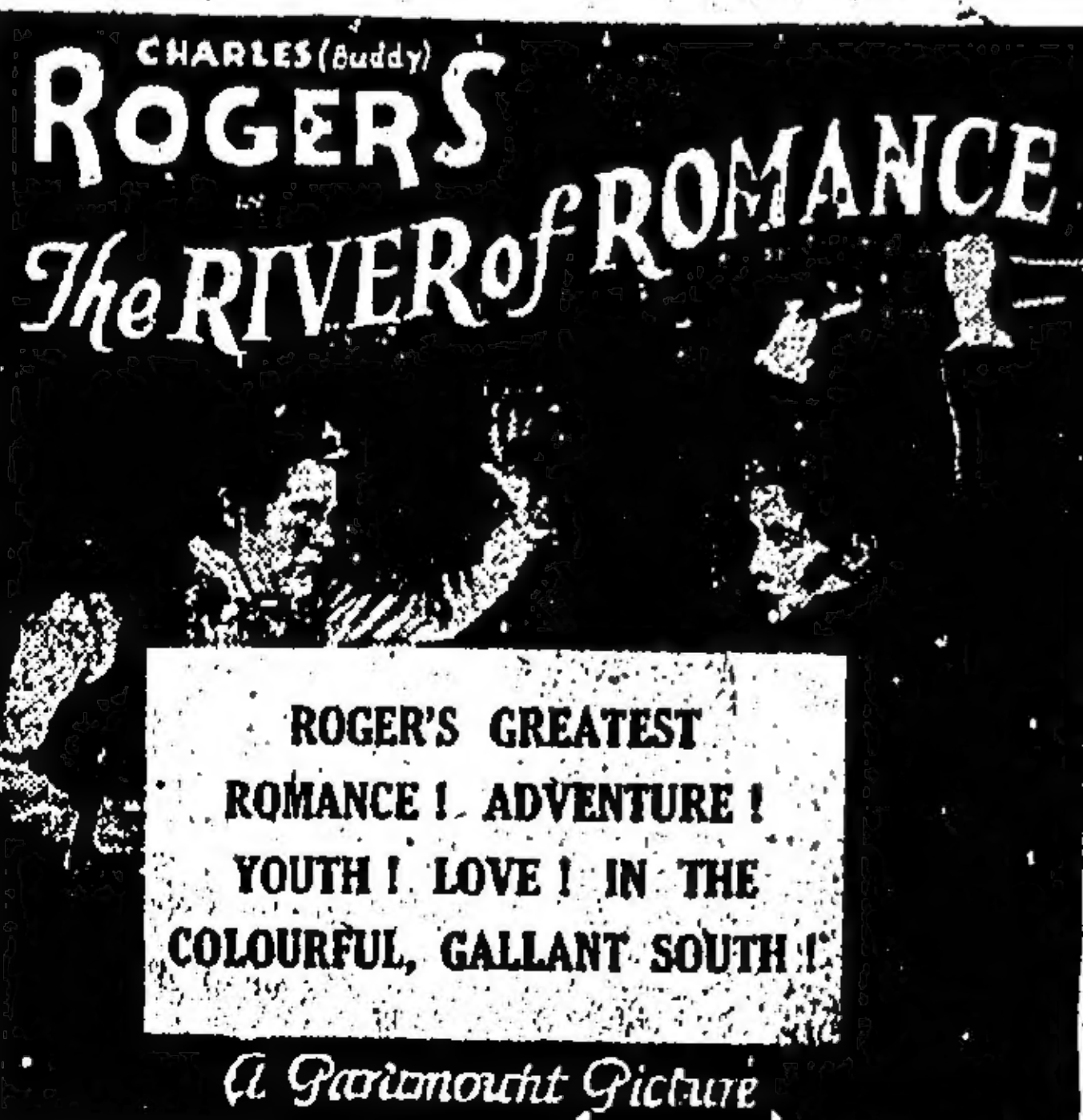
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE REVIEW.

How Craigengower Beat the Police.

K.C.C. SURPRISE TAIKOO.

First Draw In The Second Division.

(By "Short Head.")

With few exceptions the lawn bowls League matches on Saturday resulted according to general anticipations. The surprises were the K.C.C. victory at TaiKoo and the K.B.G.C.'s draw in the Second Division against the Yacht Club on the latter's green.

The following commentary shows how the respective matches were won, lost, or drawn:—

FIRST DIVISION.

Craigengower v. Police R.C.

Omar's rink was drawn against Booker's four, the former getting a single and a couple of 3s in the first three heads. At the seventh head the score was 3-1, but Omar's rink notched a 5. A couple of singles for the visitors was followed by the home rink monopolising the next six heads, making the score 23-6. The next four heads went to the Police, reducing the leadway to 23-12, but a 5 for the C.C.C. in the final head gave them a win by 28-12. Omar's rink had a couple of 5s and a 4, whilst Booker's rink's highest score was one 3.

Baker's quartette faced West's rink, and the latter led all the way to the fourteenth head, where the margin in their favour was 13-4. Three successive heads favoured Baker, followed by a single for the Police, and the home rink scored on the last three heads, to lose by one shot—14-13. Each side had one 3.

Rossett's rink was drawn against Johnson's four. A 2 and a 6 were scored by the home rink in the first three heads against a single for the visitors, but the latter managed to tie at the 14th head (12-12). Johnson's rink led at the 16th head by 15-12, but Rossett's rink scored four 3s and a 2 in the last five heads and won by 26-15. The best score for the C.C.C. was the 6 on the third head, whilst the Police had one 3 on the 10th head.

K.B.G.C. v. Civil Service.
Warren's rink was drawn against Gregory's and the opening stages gave promise of a close game, the scores after seven heads being 9-6 in the visitors' favour. The latter then did practically as they liked, for the home rink scored on only four heads thereafter and went down by 29-11. The visitors had a couple of 4s and a trio of 3s, whilst the best effort by Warren's rink was a 3 on the fourth head.

Guy's rink was matched against Hollidge's and went off with a bang, the score in their favour being 14-2 at the ninth head. At the 16th head the margin was 20-3. Guy's men eventually won by 26-12. They had five 3s to their credit, whilst the best score for the visitors was one 3 (16th head).

Russell & Co. faced Brown & Co., the former leading by 10-2 (including a 6) at the fourth head. It looked as if the visitors would soon make up the leadway for they responded with a 6 on the very next head but at the tea interval the score against them was 23-9. They then got a couple of 3s in succession and after very keen play on both sides the home rink won by 29-16. The latter had a 6, a 5, and a 3—all in the first eight heads—whilst the visitors had one 5 and a couple of 3s.

TaiKoo v. K.C.C.
The opening stages of the bout between Ferguson's and Lyall's rinks were of a ding-dong nature, but at the 10th head the visitors led by 12-9. The next five heads favoured the home rink, who then led by 22-12. Four singles and a 2 came the way of the K.C.C., with only one single for the home rink, who won by 23-18. Ferguson's rink had a 6 and two 3s, whilst the K.C.C. rink had a 5 and a 3.

Wallace's four were pitted against Lay's quartette, nothing sensational happening until the K.C.C. notched a 5 on the 5th head and kept the lead thereafter. The scores were closest at the 13th head (14-12), but the visitors increased the margin and won by 22-16. The home rink scored no more than 2 on any one head, whereas the K.C.C. men had a 5, a 4, and a couple of 3s.

Drummond's team were matched against Silkstone's, the latter having the advantage of

VERITY'S BOWLING TRIUMPH.

ALL TEN WICKETS!

Yorkshire Win by An Innings.

WARWICKSHIRE DEFEATED.

London, Yesterday.

At Leeds to-day Yorkshire defeated Warwickshire by an innings and 25 runs. Batting first, the visitors compiled 201 to which Yorkshire replied with 298, Mayer being the most destructive bowler.

Warwickshire's second innings was a debacle. Verity, a young bowler of great promise, captured all ten wickets for 36 runs and dismissed the visitors for 72!

This is the first occasion this season in first-class cricket that a bowler has dismissed all ten batsmen in a single innings.

Verity is a slow left-handed bowler with command of both spin and length and is quite capable of sending down a fastish ball that runs on with his arm.

Below are the results of the match as cabled by Reuters:—

Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by an innings and 25 runs at Leeds.

Scores:—
Warwick: 201 and 72 (Verity 10 for 36).
Yorkshire: 298 (Mayer 6 for 76).

the first five heads, but the TaiKoo players, led by 12-6 at the 10th head. On the 16th head TaiKoo led by 14-12, but the closing stages favoured the K.C.C., who won by 21-17. Drummond's rink had a 4 and a 3, the highest score on the opposite side being one 3.

Recrelo v. Kowloon Dock.

Luz's rink was drawn against Cullen's and commenced by scoring seven against nil on the first four heads. At the tenth head the score was 10-6 and, at the 16th head 14-8. Three heads later the lead was reduced to 15-11, but the last three heads favoured the Recrelo, who won by 19-11. Each side had one 3. No fewer than twelve of the winners' heads were singles.

Silva's four opposed Lapsley's four and took the game in hand from the word "Go," scoring 9-0 on the first five heads. At the 16th head the scores were 25-2, at the 19th head 27-5, the ultimate margin in favour of the Recrelo being 30-5. The latter had one 5 and a couple of 3s.

Marques's rink was drawn against Brown's and the first ten heads saw the scores level at the remarkably low total of 6-6. The next five heads all went to the Dock, who then led by 16-6. Each side then scored on three heads, the Dock team being up 20-11 at the finish. There were three 3s in the winners' total.

DIVISION II.

Civil Service v. Craigengower.

Hollands's rink was drawn against de Souza's, but started poorly, being down 11-2 at the seventh head and 15-6 at the 12th head. At the 17th head the visitors had a lead of 21-11, but the Civil Service scored on the last four heads and lost by only 21-17. The visitors had a 4 and two 3s, whilst the home rink had a couple of 3s.

In the rinks skipped by Strange and O'Brien some curious scoring was witnessed. The home rink led by 8-2 at the third head, but the visitors led by 16-1 at the 10th head and 18-16 at the 13th head. Strange's rink scored on the remaining seven heads—2, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2—winning the game by 32-18. The winners had a couple of 4s and a couple of 3s but the visitors had a 6 and a 3.

In the tussle between Bickford's rink and Pearce's the latter scored six singles in the first eight heads and led by 6-6. The home rink then turned the tables and led by 10-6 at the 10th head, 22-7 at the 16th head, and 26-10 on the final head. The winners had one 6 and two 3s, whilst the visitors' score comprised one 2 and nine singles.

Electric v. TaiKoo.
Muskett's rink was drawn against Duncan's, the home rink being down 13-2 at the ninth head. On the 15th head the score was 15-10 in the visitors' favour and 20-19 at the 18th head. Thereafter the home rink scored a couple of 5s against one 2 for the visitors, the latter winning by the narrow margin of 22-20. TaiKoo had a trio of 3s in their total, against a couple of 5s for the Electric rink.

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150 BATS THAT MADE CENTURIES.

NEW CRICKET MUSEUM.

Memories of Many Giants.

SIR JULIEN CAHN'S IDEA.

Cricketers are to have a museum. It will take the form of a collection of the bats of cricketing heroes, says the Evening Standard.

For fifty years Mr. Charles Green, of Malvern, has obtained bats from famous players. To Sir Julien Cahn, president of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, there came an opportunity to acquire this collection of more than 150 bats. Sir Julien seized the opportunity, and to-day the bats are being "touched up" before being placed on show at the pavilion at Loughborough.

"The stories associated with each are so interesting," Sir Julien said, "that a brochure is being written giving the history of each one."

Whysall's Last Bat.

"As time passes the collection will be added to. Already I have received one addition that has touched me very deeply, and of which I am most appreciative. A few weeks ago Mrs. Whysall, widow of the England and Nottinghamshire cricketer who died at the close of last season, sent me the bat with which he last played. One of the last games in which he played was a Test match."

"Among the curiosities in the collection is a bat with a romantic history. Many years ago a twig was cut from a weeping willow that overhangs the grave of Napoleon on St. Helena. The twig was carefully watched and eventually planted in a garden in Surrey. From the tree which grew was taken the wood for a cricket bat. I am afraid I cannot tell whether the bat proved as big a hitter as Napoleon was."

What memories those bats will revive! Just as the artist pauses before a picture in the National Gallery and studies the masterly strokes of its author, so will cricketers whose memories are long pause before each bat to call to mind strokes of a different order, but none the less masterly.

"W.G."

First will come the bat of "W.G.," for still the glory of that bearded giant comes down to us with a fresh adventurous appeal. How fortunate will they be who can take down one of his old bats, and in so doing be carried back to see him at the wicket again.

Many names on the bats will be but slightly familiar, merely echoes from the past, before the rules had been elaborated. But gradually there come, tumbling over one another, the names of yesterday and to-day—"Billy" Barnes, Ranji, C. B. Fry, George Hirst, P. F. Warner, Lord Harris, Lord Hawke, Sir Arthur Stanley, Arthur Sellers, A. P. Lucas, R. H. Spooner. This sample from the long list is enough to keep the cricketer with a memory day-dreaming for an hour or so.

Warwick Armstrong, that crafty Australian, is represented, and with him one of the greatest batsmen in his team, Warren Bardsley. Sir Julien Cahn has taken teams on tour to Jamaica and the Argentine, and he owns two private cricket grounds. Recently he contributed £10,000 towards the erection of new grandstands at the Trent Bridge ground.

MARATHON RACE IN JAPAN.

Ten Starters for 474-Mile Run.

TWELVE SECTIONS.

Tokyo, May 9.

Japan's greatest marathon race, a 474-mile run from Aomori to Tokyo, commenced to-day when ten contestants started off on the long journey.

The course is divided into 12 sections and contestants must cover one section each day or be disqualified.

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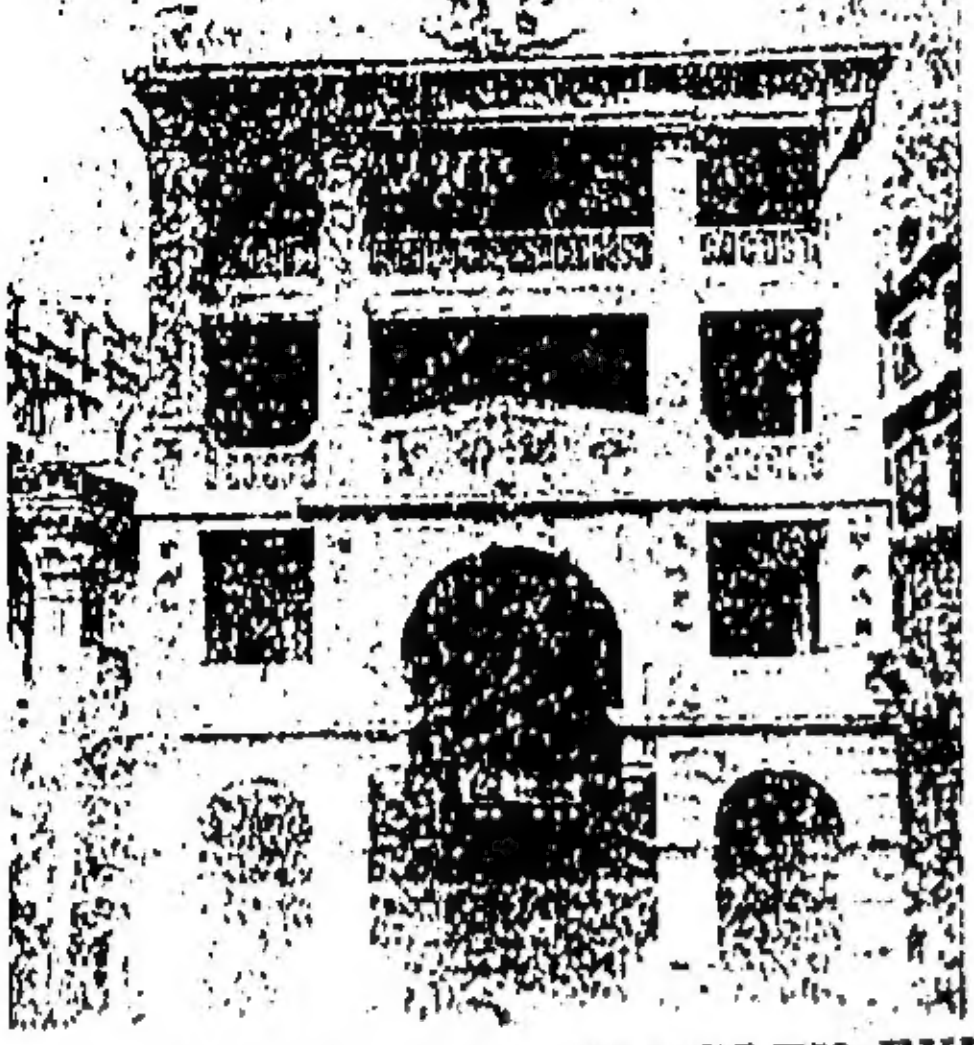
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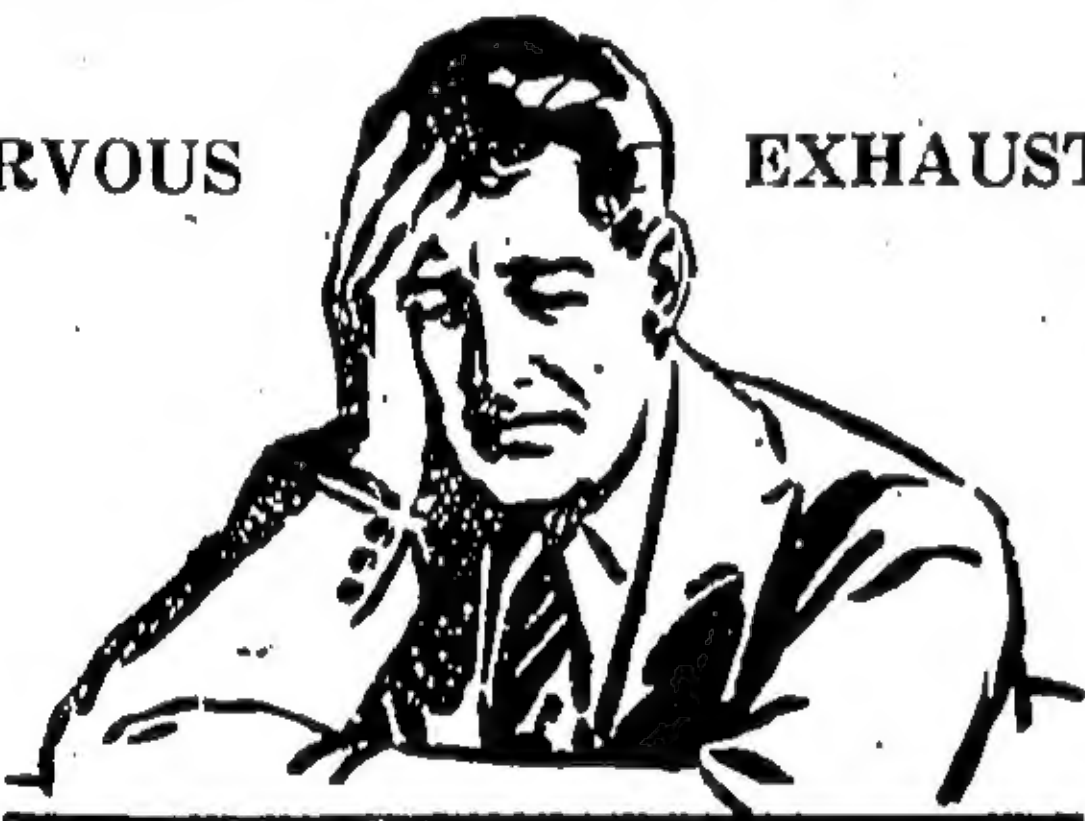
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GOLF SURPRISE AT WESTWARD HO.

Moseley Youth Defeats Holderness.

TIPPING LOSES.

London, Yesterday.

In the British amateur golf championship at Westward Ho today the daily surprise was reserved for the conclusion when, in the second round, Alan Newey, aged 19, of Moseley, Birmingham, beat Holderness by 3 up and 2 to play.

Fairbanks, the conqueror of Abercrombie in the first round, defeated E. B. Tipping, Royal Ashdown Forest, by one hole.—Reuter.

LAWN BOWLS.

(Continued from Page 8.)

Webster's four were pitted against Grimes's four and the former scored only five singles—on the first, sixth, eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth heads. Against this the visitors piled up a total of 28, which included one 4 and four 3's.

Paul's rink fared little better against Munro's rink, as they scored only on the first, seventh, fourteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth heads for the paltry total of six shots. Against this the visitors amassed a total of 30, which included one 5 and three 3's.

Yacht Club v. K.B.G.C. Shell's rink started well against Drake's four, leading 12-4 after eight heads had been played. The leeway was reduced to 13-9 at the 11th head, and then the K.B.G.C. scored 1, 4, 2, 2, 4, giving them a lead of 22-13. The home rink scored one 2, and the visitors scored on the last four heads, to give them a victory by 28-15. The Yacht Club had one 4, against two 4's and two 3's for their opponents.

In the tussle between Macfarlane's and Rose's rinks the latter monopolised seven of the first nine heads and led by 11-2. They scored only four singles thereafter and lost by the narrow margin of 16-15. The home rink had a couple of 3's, whilst their opponents had one 3.

Shields's quartette had the better of the argument against Rapley's four, leading by 10-4 at the tenth head, 17-5 at the 15th head, 22-6 at the 20th head, and winning the game by 22-10. The home rink had a couple of 3's, whilst the visitors' highest score was a 4 on the final head.

K.C.C. v. Recreio.

Jack's rink was pitted against Silva's rink and won in easy fashion. They led 11-5 at the eighth head, 13-6 at the 10th head, 17-7 at the 14th head, 17-8 at the 15th head, winning the game by 32-8. They had one 5, one 4, and one 3, whilst their opponents' score comprised 3, 2, 1, 1, 1.

The contest between Labrum's and Soares's rinks was almost identical. The home rink led by 13-2 at the eighth head, 24-8 at the 15th head, and 31-12 at the finish. The K.C.C. had one 6 and three 3's, whilst the visitors had a couple of 3's.

The play on the rinks skipped by Robinson and Ozorio were much even. Thanks to a 5 the home rink led by 8-6 on the sixth head, but a 5 came the way of the Recreio and they led by 16-9 at the 11th head. At the 17th head the K.C.C. had a lead of 19-18, but they had to own defeat in the end by 24-20. The home rink had one 5 and a couple of 3's and the visitors had also a 5 and a couple of 3's.

In professional golf the only difference between the good and the mediocre golfer is that the good golfer shows stuff just the same on the day of the tournament, while the mediocre one does his wonderful scores in practice the day before.—Archie Compton.

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Basque and Californian Are Matched.

TWENTY ROUNDS.

Reno, Nev., May 10.

Paulino Uzcudun, the big Basque, and Maxie Baer, the big Californian hope, will fight a 20-round heavyweight match on July 4, it was definitely announced today.

The fight is being promoted by Jack Dempsey, erstwhile heavyweight king, who is here waiting to file a suit for divorce against Estelle Taylor, his screen star wife.

Dempsey revealed that the contestants will fight for a purse of \$30,000, split 60-40.

Dempsey hopes to catch the peak of the new divorce boom which has hit Nevada since the new six weeks' residence law went into effect.

With gambling legalized, the sideights to the coming fight are expected to be uproariously reminiscent of the old days, when Tex Rickard learned about the fight game.—United Press.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CHESSE—To-day—Open Championship.

LAWN BOWLS—Saturday—

Division I—Kowloon Dock v. R.C.C.C.

Division II—K.B.G.C. v. K.B.G.C.

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Germany's new miniature battle-
ship, the armoured cruiser "B,"
which might have been torpedoed
at the outset by the Social-Demo-
crats, is to be built after all owing
to the tacit acquiescence of
Labour. The fact that work will
thus be provided for a few thou-
sand men does not detract from
the fact that many middle-class
bourgeois in Germany to-day ac-
knowledge that the country has
every right to be proud of her
Socialists. The Nationalists who
marched out of the Reichstag join-
ing in when Hitler's followers re-
fused to co-operate any longer in
governing the country, are waiting
not only for an opportunity to re-
turn, but to return in triumph,
with the declaration that Germany
is going to ruin without them. That
a battleship has been voted in
their absence is one of the bitter-
est things that could have hap-
pened. The Socialists have risked
many of their members seceding
to the Communists to save Ger-
many from what they consider the
greater evil.

The present Government in Ger-
many is less one led by the Catho-
lic Centre under Dr. Brüning than
one based on men who have the
confidence of the President.
Hindenburg thinks as highly of his
Minister of Defence, General
Groener, as he does of the Agrarian
Minister Schleier, Dr. Brüning has
almost, if not quite, gained the
Presidential confidence. Recently
Schleier was obliged to concede the
import of frozen meat into Ger-
many instead of compromising
upon cheap meat tickets for the
lower classes. This was a Social-
ist triumph. But nobody believes
that the taxes demanded by the
Socialists in return for permitting
the battleships will ever be col-
lected.

Disarmament.

Concessions are being made on
all sides. It becomes more and
more clear that the larger issues
of the disarmament Conference to
be held next year at Geneva is
the dominant factor in deciding
Germany's inner as well as polit-
ical future. General Groener be-
lieves in arming to the limits per-
mitted by the Versailles Treaty.

When the diehard Nationalists
talk one hears the opinion expres-
sed by otherwise sober men that
Germany has every right to dis-
regard any such limitations, ac-
cording how lightly other nations have
taken their promises to dis-
arm. To forgo a battleship under
such conclusions would mean to
let loose a storm of protest and a
possible growth of the extremist
Hitler movement, which the latest
federal elections at Brunswick
have shown to be more or less at
a standstill. Any assumption that
German Fascism has actually lost
ground is proved to be false as
soon as the Inquirer leaves the
precincts of the big cities.

The Coming Referendum.

Inquiries among responsible
circles tend to enhance the belief
that the political situation is
more obscure than ever. Nobody
knows which way the wind will
blow. A conflagration or any
kind could be set going by the
merest change in the weathercock.
The immediate danger looming
ahead is the referendum for the
dissolution of the Prussian Diet,
with its pronounced left ten-
dencies, which has been engineer-
ed by the Nationalist leader,
Hugenberg. This was timed for
the week after Easter. Very little
is to be gained, one might imagine,
by urging the dissolution, since
next year would see new elections
in Prussia in any case. But
Hugenberg is too good a news-
paper proprietor not to know the
value of publicity and the con-
stant thrusting of the Nationalist
cause under the public nose. The
Stalheim members in a body sig-
ned the lists requiring this referen-
dum, which is being carried
through on a strictly constitu-
tional basis. The average voter
in Prussia to-day would be glad
to forget all about politics if
Hugenberg would let him.

This agitation will serve its pur-
pose in rekindling enthusiasm in
anti-Socialist breasts. The Press
of the Left ignores this coming
event almost entirely. Until ac-
tive agitation begins there is no
telling whether Prussia under
Otto Braun will go down tempo-
rarily before the Hugenberg and
Hitler banner. Many people be-
lieve that this may actually hap-
pen. What concerns the average
German is that this move, on the
part of the Nationalists is not
good for the peace of the country
at large. Nothing, indeed, can
annoy any responsible person
more than the thought that two
parties who have retired from the
Reichstag and its responsibilities
retain their leisure and their first
class tickets to go about the coun-

try and preach sedition against
those struggling to uphold peace
and order.

Prussian Credits.
Of the highest importance to
Germany in general is the result
of her leading industrialists' trip
to Russia. According to their re-
ports, it is believed that there is
a chance to relieve unemployment
at home by working to fulfil large
Russian orders for export. The
credits demanded by the Soviet
Government are long, but here is
a chance for Germany to compete
with America in the Russian
market instead of merely spend-
ing her money on the unemploy-
ment insurance. Some of the best
minds in the economic and finan-
cial world are now busy with this
problem. The question of encour-
aging a dangerous rival to Ger-
many's own industries has to be
considered. This, it is averred,
is thought to be more menacing than
any thought of Russia's not being
able to pay her debts, or of ex-
tending her sphere of political
propaganda within Germany's own
frontiers.

VISCOUNT EXMOUTH.

Father's Wish That He Should
Return Home.

Viscount Exmouth, whose re-
admission to British nationality
was recently recorded, explained
in an interview how it was that,
though born in England, he be-
came an American. His father,
he said, had become naturalised in
America, and this made him (Vis-
count Exmouth) an American, too.

It was, he added, almost his
father's dying wish that he (his
son) should come to live in Eng-
land, and be of what service he
could to the land of his birth.

Lord Exmouth continued: "I
have been living very quietly in
the country (Surrey), trying to
make friends, and to take up the
local interests—waiting for the
time I could be naturalised
again."

Mr. Lloyd George is a neighbour
of Lord Exmouth, who said of
him, "And an excellent fellow he
is, too."

COMING ???

PREHISTORIC RELICS
IN MALAYA.Second Stone Super-
Head Found.

INTERESTING COLLECTION.

In his annual report on the Perak
Museum at Taiping, Mr. C. Boden
Kloss, Director of Museums, S.S.
and F.M.S., makes the following
comments:

An interesting collection of anti-
quities from Pahang was presented
by Mr. W. Linehan and a number
of old stone cannon balls were re-
ceived through the kind offices of
the District Officer, Lower Perak,
Mr. N. K. Bain.

The activities of the Ethnograph-
er (Mr. I. H. N. Evans) having, in
recent years, been directed chiefly
towards antiquarian research, it
is in this regard that most progress
has to be recorded. Perhaps the
most outstanding discovery of the
year was that, at the ancient village
site at Kuala Selinsing, Perak, of a
small, rectangular seal of cornelian,
with bevelled edges, bearing a
beautifully cut inscription which is
reported to be in the Pallava script
of South India, dating, on the form
of the letters, about 400 A.D., and
reading "Sri Visnuvarman." This
seal may provide a date for some
of the articles from Kuala Selin-
sing.

In February the Ethnographer
paid a short visit to Java to see the
excavations being carried on by the
N.E.I. Archaeological Service, under
the direction of Dr. P. V. van Stein
Callenfels, at the caves at Sampoeng
in East Java. A visit was also
paid, under Dr. Callenfels' guid-
ance, to a prehistoric stone axe
factory site at Pecoene, near
Patjitan, on the south coast of Java.
At this place, too, a demonstration
was seen of the way in which the
oldest form of theatrical entertain-
ment known in Malaysia—a long
scroll picture—is continuously un-
rolled while the operator narrates
the story depicted in the different
scenes. Only two wayang bebr
are now in use. On the return
journey to Batavia the temples of
Borobudur and Chandi Mendut were
visited. At Batavia the Ethno-
grapher spent a few days in the
Museum, and in the offices of the
Archaeological Service, chiefly
studying objects having a bearing
on the archaeology of Malaya.

Neolithic Site in Pahang.

Excavation of the neolithic site

at Kuala Nyong, Tembeling River,
Pahang, which has been mentioned
in previous reports, was undertaken
during the months of July, August
and September. This work was
successful in establishing the asso-
ciations of various types of im-
plements and pottery, but yielded
little information with regard to
the transition period, or periods,
from stone to iron, which it was
hoped to find represented there.
Over four hundred numbers appear
on the plans of the excavations, re-
presenting objects found; and many
more, of less importance, were not
recorded. The vast majority of
the finds were sherds of pottery,
but a considerable number of stone
adze-heads, grinding stones and
other specimens were also dis-
covered.

While the Kuala Nyong excava-
tions were being undertaken, two
important purchases were made.
One was the second stone spear-head
known from Malaya. It is of
somewhat similar type to that from
Kelantan recorded in the report for
1929, but is flatter. It was ob-
tained from a Malay who said that
he had found it near Kuala Atoh,
also on the Tembeling. The other
noteworthy specimen was a very
curious Iron Age implement that
was said to have come from Kam-
pong Pagi, above the Kuala Tahan.
It is hoped that figures and de-
scriptions of both specimens will be
published in due course. Over one
hundred stone adze-blades, mostly
of common types, but a few of rare
ones, were purchased from Malays
in the neighbourhood of Kuala
Nyong.

Grave of Iron Age.

Another grave of the Iron Age,
built of granite slabs, was excava-
ted at Sungai Klah Estate, Sungkai.
It is of the same type as those
mentioned in the report for the
year 1927. It yielded one iron
tool, of a kind typical of the period,
and some broken pottery from the
inside, and further pottery sherds
outside and near the foot. Mr. H.
Gordon Graham is to be thanked for
reporting the discovery and Messrs.
C. B. Graburn, manager, Sungai
Klah Estate, and E. J. Perkins for
preserving the grave carefully until
its excavation could be undertaken.

Two visits were paid to the
ancient village site at Kuala Selin-
sing, Perak, whence the inscribed
seal, mentioned above, was obtained.
Other finds were a gold alligree dis-
coid, a new type of eyeball and a
considerable amount of duplicate
material, chiefly beads in semi-
precious stones and glass.

A report on ancient human bones
found in caves in Perak, Pahang
and Perlis has been receiv-

ed from Dr. H. W. L.
Duckworth of Cambridge and
awaits publication. Human bones
from Kuala Selinsing still re-
main in his hands for description.
Mr. Horace Beck published an ac-
count of ancient beads found in
India in *Man* and there made con-
siderable reference to similar beads
from Kuala Selinsing, Perak. Cor-
respondence was maintained with
various authorities on subjects
ethnographical or archaeological in
Britain, France, Holland, the
Netherlands East Indies, French
Indo-China, Siam, Sarawak and
Australia.

Collection of Malay Cloths.

All the cases in the sarong gal-
lery of the Taiping museum were fitted
with new blinds, chiefly replacing
others that had become worn out.
These blinds protect the collection of
Malay cloths from the light. The
cases in the lower ethnographical
gallery that contain embroidery
were similarly refitted.

The Berkeley collection of Malay
weapons, formerly in the sarong
gallery, was incorporated with the
general collection of weapons, but
the labels of the Berkeley gift have
been specially marked.

The cloths and Malay garments
formerly displayed in the lower
ethnographical gallery were in-
stalled in the sarong gallery in the
space previously occupied by the
Berkeley collection of weapons.
These moves were rendered neces-
sary by the expansion of the collec-
tion of antiquities.

The antiquities in the table case
were re-arranged, as well as the
contents of one wall case. Many
new specimens were added. Frames
containing fine specimens of dind-
ling tepus, collected in 1929, were
hung where there was wall-space in
the sarong gallery. A fair num-
ber of ethnographical and other
books were purchased for the
Museum library.

The majority of the pre-
historic Iron Implements were
subjected to a process for their pre-
servation that is advocated by the
British Museum. The results have
not been very satisfactory and it is
thought that there may be some
slight fault in application.

Selangor Museum.

All zoological work of the depart-
ment is carried out in the Selangor
Museum at Kuala Lumpur, and
most of its area is devoted to
zoological exhibits. During the
absence on leave of Mr. H. M.
Pendlebury, Systematic Entomolo-
gist, Mr. E. Seimur technical
assistant, was in charge.

The following animals were
placed on exhibition in the main
gallery. One male specimen of

Nimble at 105

John Minard, of West Oxford
Township, Ontario, celebrated his
105th birthday April 2 and enjoys
life and his Canadian Pacific pension
thoroughly. He eats well, sleeps
well and hasn't an ache or pain.
Thirteen years ago nature supplied
him with a complete set of new
teeth. He can still pitch hay
and saw wood and only of late
has had to use glasses to read.
His prescription is: "Don't eat
too much." Aside from that
he has smoked since he was a
boy and still does.

Minard sets his age by his retire-
ment from the C.P.R., 84 years ago,
when he was in his 7th year. He
worked with the railway as a section
hand. Asked how long he was going
to live, he looked at his 57-year-old
son and said: "Just as long as there
are people to live with."—729

the Golden Cat, Fells temminckii,
from Kajang; one large wild boar,
Sus jubatus, from the 7th mile,
Cheras Road, the head of a young
male elephant, which had to be shot,
from the 24th mile. Broga; pre-
sented by Mr. C. E. Jackson; a
white-whiskered Palm Civet,
Paguma larvata annexens from the
7th mile, Cheras Road; a mongoose
Herpestes birmannicus from Kedah,
presented by Mr. A. W. Hamilton
at the end of 1929.

A set of stone implements was
moulded, and three casts were taken
from each mould.

The systematic entomologist took
home some four thousand specimens
for comparison and determination
at various British museums, and
during his leave he spent several
weeks at the Natural History
Museum, South Kensington; the
Hore Department of Zoology in the
Oxford University Museum; and at
Lord Rothschild's Zoological
Museum at Tring, Herts.

Potato plantings in Canada in
1930 according to the January re-
port of the Department of Agri-
culture were 574,500 acres, as com-
pared with 543,727 acres in 1929,
indicating an increase of 30,773 or
approximately 5.3 per cent. All
provinces report an increased acre-
age. The average yield per acre
for Canada is estimated at 85.6
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CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

Need for Safeguards Urged.

FINANCIAL CREDIT.

Rugby, Yesterday.
Answering a series of questions directed to elicit information as to the acceptance of the necessity of safeguards in the Indian constitution by Mr. Gandhi the Secretary for India, Mr. Wedgwood-Benn, said that the published result of the conversation between Lord Irwin and Mr. Gandhi showed that the constitutional discussions were to be resumed on the scheme outlined by the Round Table Conference, and that it was explicitly recognised that just as Federation and Indian responsibility were an essential part of the scheme, so also were reservations or safeguards in the interest of India for such matters as defence, external affairs, minorities, and the financial credit of India.
Replying to other questions, Mr. Benn stated that he hoped soon to be in a position to announce the decisions reached as a result of the consultations of the Viceroy as to the date of the resumed session of the Federal Structure Committee.
In the meantime, informal discussions on the subject of constitutional reform in all its aspects were taking place all over India, but it was not at present proposed to set up any committees or other bodies in India to deal solely with provincial aspects, except in the case of the special problems of the North-West Frontier Provinces of Sind and Orissa. — British Wireless Service.

TAILOR ROBBED.

ASSISTANT SENT TO PRISON.

Mui Chi-yuen, a tailor's assistant, was charged at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning with fraudulently converting 37 yards of silk, of which he was bailee, to his own use, and with illegally pawning it at No. 2, Canton Road, without being authorised to do so.
Detective-Sergeant Robertson said that the silk was the property of Bader Din, an Indian tailor, of Kowloon Hotel Building, and the defendant, who was in the service of another tailor, Leung Hoi Fong, Wing Sing Street, was instructed to collect the silk from the complainant and take to his master for the purpose of making shirts.
He pawned the silk, which was worth \$25, for \$14 on May 14 and the theft was discovered when the Chinese tailor called on the Indian for payment of an account.
Six weeks' imprisonment was imposed on each charge, the terms to run concurrently.

SLEEPER'S REWARD

SENTENCED TO FOURTEEN DAYS' JAIL.

Fourteen days' imprisonment was imposed on Wong Yee at the Kowloon Police Court this morning for the larceny of three water pipes from a building under construction at Ashley Road, the property of the Hop Yick Contractors.
The case had to be held over for some time owing to the non-attendance of the complainant who, on arrival, said that he had slept late.

GERMANY AGREES TO SUSPEND PACT.

Customs Union To Go Before World Court.

BRITISH RESOLUTION.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At the League of Nations Council at Geneva to-day the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, proposed that the question of the legality of the much discussed German-Austrian Customs Union, under the existing treaties, should be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, and that advisory opinion would be requested.
Under Mr. Henderson's resolution the point to be decided by the World Council will be: "Would the proposed Customs Union between Germany and Austria be compatible with Article 88 of the St. Germain Treaty and with the Austrian Protocol signed in Geneva in 1922?"
The vote on the resolution will be taken to-morrow, but to-day it was supported by Austria, Germany, France and Italy. The two first named countries agreed to suspend for the time being their negotiations regarding the Customs Union.—British Wireless Service.

Earlier Cable.

Geneva, Yesterday.
On the ground that the juridical aspect of the affair was one which particularly concerned the Council at present, Mr. Arthur Henderson, opening the League Council, moved that the protocol for the establishment of an Austro-German Customs union should be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice, for an advisory opinion as to whether a regime established between Germany and Austria on the basis and within the limits of the principles of the protocol of March 19, 1931, would be compatible with Article 88 of the Treaty of St. Germain, and Article 1 of the Protocol of Geneva of October 4, 1922.
The Court will be asked to treat the matter as urgent.

Dr. Schober, the Austrian Vice-Chancellor, speaking in English, unreservedly supported Mr. Henderson's proposal, while strongly maintaining the legality of Austria's action.

M. Briand (France) supported Mr. Henderson's proposal.
Replying to a question by Mr. Henderson Dr. Schober gave an assurance that Austria would not proceed with the proposed union until the Court decided and the League had discussed the decision.

Dr. Curtius (Germany) and Signor Grandi (Italy) strongly supported Mr. Henderson's proposal.

The meeting then adjourned until 10 a.m. on May 19, when the proposal will be voted on.—Reuter.

An Advisory Opinion.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At the Council of the League of Nations meeting, which was held in public this morning at Geneva, after deliberating for half an hour in private, when the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, moved that the Council of the League request the Permanent Court of International Justice to give an advisory opinion in accordance with Article 14 of the Covenant on the proposed Austro-German Customs union, he suggested that the Secretary-General be authorised to give any assistance in any way in the examination of the question, and if necessary to take steps to be represented before the Court. Mr. Henderson

HAS RUSSIA BROKEN HER PLEDGES?

Tory Minister Attacks Labour's Apathy.

PREMIER'S SPIRITED REPLY.

Rugby, Yesterday.
When Sir Austen Chamberlain raised the question of Russia in the House of Commons to-night, he charged the Labour Government with having allowed the Soviet Government to ignore the solemn warning given them when diplomatic relations were renewed, and with having thereby broken the pledge given to the House of Commons on that occasion.

He asked why Russia had been given specially favoured treatment under the exports credit scheme at a time when Russia continued to break her promises?

The Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, in reply, cited speeches made by Sir Austen Chamberlain when Foreign Secretary, and suggested that the latter had then urged the inadvisability of taking a narrow view regarding the breach of the Anglo-Russian Agreement.

So far as Soviet influence in this country was concerned, the Prime Minister said that the same reasons present in Sir Austen Chamberlain's mind in 1925 were still present in the mind of the Labour Government and led them to the sound conclusion that the Trade Agreement need not be broken.

He admitted that the trade returns from Russia were disappointing, but he denied that anything was to be gained by breaking off relations with that country, or that any of the problems they had faced in India, China, or at Home would thereby be simplified.—British Wireless Service.

FOUND LOITERING.

MEDDLING WITH WINDOW OF ELECTRIC STATION.

PICKING UP "FAG ENDS."

Wong Sze-yuen was at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield with loitering in Main Street, last night, without being able to give a satisfactory account of himself. Defendant stated that he had gone there to pick up cigarette ends.

Prosecuting, Det.-Sgt. Kennedy said that at 8.45 o'clock last night he saw the defendant standing near an electric sub-station in Saiwanho, and on returning three-quarters of an hour later, he found the defendant meddling with a window. He added that two years ago a pane of glass was broken at the sub-station and a number of electric fans were stolen. There was nothing known of the defendant.

The Magistrate remarked that as there was nothing known of defendant he would ask him to sign a bond for \$50 to be of good behaviour for a year. If he failed to do that, he would have to go to jail for two months without hard-labour.

said the issue raised important economic and even political questions, but the aspect of the case with which they as a Council were concerned was essentially one of a juridical nature, and it was, therefore, mainly one on which it would be desirable for the Council to request advisory opinion.—British Wireless Service.

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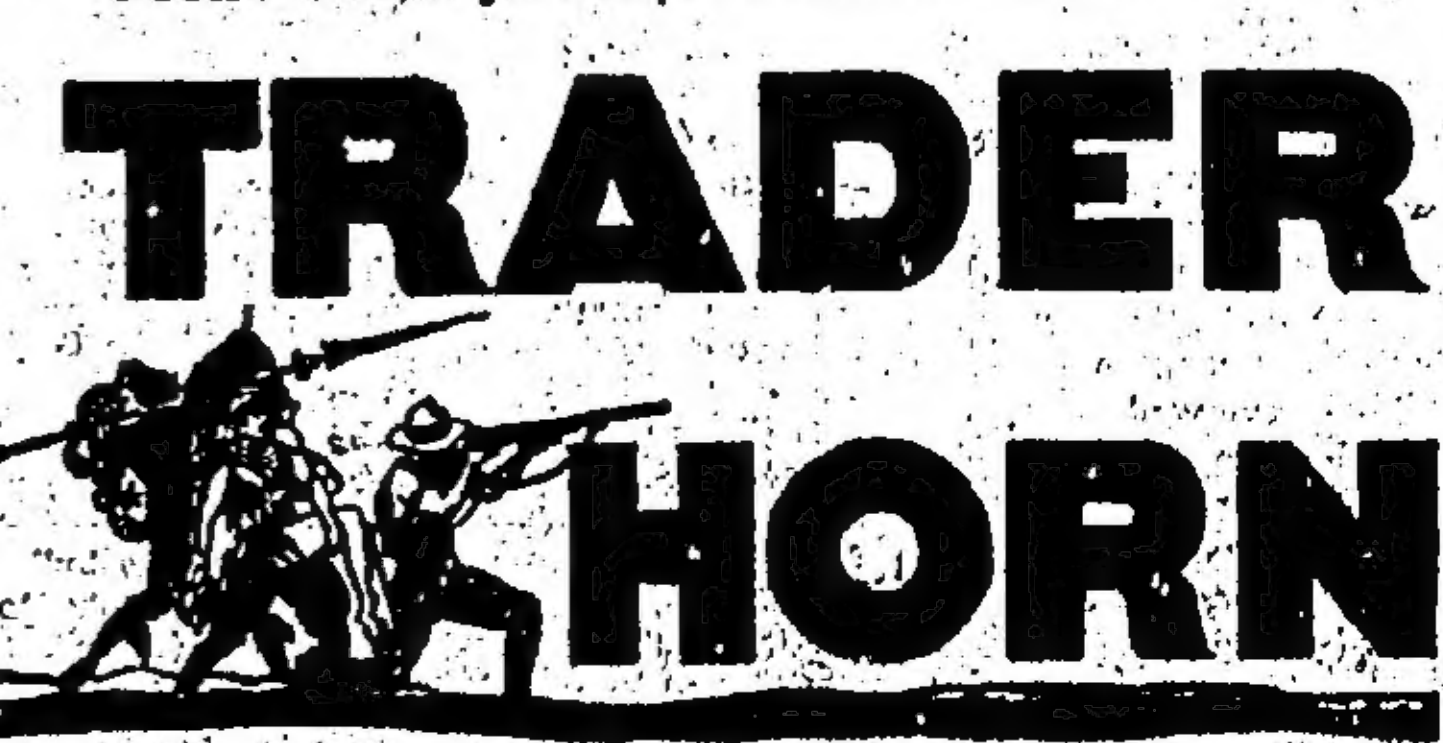
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